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States

Elian Gonzalez raid: A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit claiming federal agents used excessive force in an armed raid to seize Elian Gonzalez at the home of his Miami relatives four years

ago. An order issued Monday by U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke concluded the six agents who conducted the raid were legally immune to the lawsuit, and she found no constitutional violations

Columbine parents: The parents of Columbine High School gunman Eric Harris are selling the house where the teen and his friend stored guns and bombs and videotaped themselves hatching plans for their deadly rampage.

Two Colorado real estate agents whose families were affected by the 1999 school shooting will not be allowed to show the property. Both men have criticized Wayne and Kathy Harris for not doing more to stop their son's deadly plan.

One of the banned agents, Rich Petrone, said he would like to see the house, referring to it as the "scene of a crime.

Petrone's stepson, Danny Rohrbough, was one of the 12 students killed by Harris and Dylan Klebold, who also killed a teacher before taking their own lives

New York mosque leaders: Two upstate New York mosque leaders accused of supporting terrorism were released on bail Wednesday, one day after a federal judge reversed his initial decision to keep them behind bars

Magistrate David Homer on Tuesday set bail at \$250,000 bond for both Yassin Muhiddin Aref and Mohammed Mosharref Hossain after concluding the men were not as dangerous as prosecutors first claimed.

Homer denied the men bail two weeks ago. But he cited a translation error in a key piece of evidence and an apparently weaker government case in his decision to set bail Tuesday.

Charles Manson follower: Charles Manson follower Leslie Van Houten was denied narole for a 15th time Wednesday just over 35 years after the notorious Tate-LaBianca

"She was denied for an additional two years and the board ordered a new psychological evaluation for the next hearing," said Board of Prison Terms spokesman Bill

Oregon same-sex marriages: An Oregon county that stonned issuing marriage licenses until a court could decide whether gay



Under construction: Workers build a house in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Efrat, south of Jerusalem. Meanwhile, on Thursday, Palestinians said Israeli forces were operating in the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border, destroying houses. The Israeli military said an operation was underway against the "terrorist infrastructure" in the camp, and two abandoned structures used by militants to fire mortars and guns were destroyed.

marriage was legal has been told to again of the energy to the Southwest. offer them to couples.

Senior Judge Wayne R. Harris ordered Benton County on Wednesday to resume issuing the licenses, saying officials had failed to provide a service. Although his order didn't specifically mention same-sex couples, officials expect licenses only will be given to marriages between a man and a

The county stopped issuing licenses in

Kennedy Smith assault charge: A woman claims in a lawsuit that William Kennedy Smith, a member of the prominent Kennedy family, sexually assaulted her in 1999, and her lawyer said Thursday that she did not come forward at the time because she was intimidated by his wealth and connections.

Smith, a nephew of Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and cleared of rape charges in 1991, said his family and personal history made him a target for "outrageous" allegations. And the woman herself acknowledged having had a relationship with Smith some months after the alleged assault.

Enron financial records: Newly released audiotapes and financial records show that Enron Corp. profited from emergency Northwest hydronower sent to California during the summer of 2000 by selling some

The Aug. 4, 2000, conversation between Enron trader Tim Belden and Rick Shapiro, an Enron executive, began with Belden chuckling as he noted it was hot in California "and they don't have enough power. And they kill fish in the Northwest so that people in California can go enjoy themselves at a baseball game."

World

Asian bird flu: Chinese officials tried Thursday to deflect possible criticism of their decision not to publicize their discovery of the deadly H5N1 bird flu strain in pigs last year, calling them isolated cases that weren't a threat to humans.

The pigs carried a flu strain found in ducks rather than a new version that might be more dangerous to people, said Jia Youling, China's chief veterinary official. He said the pigs weren't considered sick and were quickly isolated.

Hamburg terror trial: A friend of a Moroccan charged with helping the Sept. 11, 2001, suicide pilots expressed a readiness to kill non-Muslims long before the attacks, a witness testifed Wednesday.

Prosecutors at the retrial of Mounir el Motassadeq hope testimony will show how closely the defendant was involved with the plotters and their discussions of holy war . Stories and photo from wire reports

Corrections

- A story in Thursday's editions about a youth baseball tournament at Aviano Air Base, Italy, misidentified one of the tournament's organizers. He is Tech. Sgt. Bruce Bond.
- A story in Thursday's editions about the 2nd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment's record mileage recorded since it began convoy escort duties in Baghdad contained incorrect information. The unit, known as the Steel Dragons, passed the 500,000-mile landmark on Saturday.

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Top Iraq cleric brokers Najaf peace deal

Plan calls for 2 weapons-free cities; mortar barrage kills 27 at mosque

The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq - Rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed Thursday to a peace deal presented by Irag's top Shiite cleric, who brought his enormous authority to bear in an attempt to end three weeks of fighting in the holy city of Najaf, a top al-Sistani aide said.

Grand Avatollah Ali al-Sistani. the most influential cleric among Iraq's Shiite majority, reached the deal in direct talks with al-Sadr in the evening, only hours after making a dramatic return to Najaf.

Aides have said that al-Sistani's peace plan calls for Najaf and Kufa to be declared weapons-free cities, for all foreign forces to withdraw from Najaf and leave security to the police, and for the government to compensate those harmed by the fighting.

"Mr. Mugtada al-Sadr agreed to the initiative of his eminence al-Sistani," said Hamed al-Khafaf, a top al-Sistani aide. "You will hear good news soon from the government and Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr."

"It's the same initiative that we had proposed ... almost the same initiative has been agreed upon, al-Khafaf said.

Thousands of Iragis had flocked to Najaf in answer to al-Sistani's call Wednesday for a peace march, but the Iraqi government's police did not let them enter the holy city.

Late Thursday, al-Sistani asked the government to allow them in to visit the Imam Ali Shrine compound provided they leave by 10 a.m. Friday, al-Khafaf said. Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia is still holding the shrine and has used it as a stronghold since fighting with U.S. forces began on

U.S. and Iraqi troops and al-Sadr fighters called a cease-fire after al-Sistani's arrival - but the bloodshed that has torn apart the holy city continued right up until the grand ayatollah entered Najaf.

More than 90 people were killed in the preceding 24 hours, according to the Health Ministry including 27 people killed



U.S. Army soldiers guard an outpost Thursday in an office complex in central Najaf, Iraq. A cease-fire was called in the afternoon while demonstrators marched through the city. Grand Ayatollah Ali Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, made a dramatic return to the city to broker a peace deal.

when mortars hit the main mosque in nearby Kufa, where thousands had gathered in preparation to march to Najaf in support of al-Sistani.

The U.S. military and Iraqi government have backed al-Sistani's peace mission, but they have not said whether they would agree to his proposal's provisions

Al-Sadr has agreed to peace deals at least twice previously, but the agreements have fallen apart and fighting resumed.

But all sides appear to be hoping the immense authority of al-Sistani can keep a deal togeth-The 75-year-old al-Sistani, who has long refused to intervene directly in the standoff between al-Sadr and U.S. troops, has much wider support among Iraq's Shiites than al-Sadr, a much younger and lower-ranking cleric.

Al-Sistani was in London for medical treatment for most of the time since the fighting broke out Aug. 5. As he returned to Iraq, he called on his followers to march on Najaf for peace.

Al-Sistani arrived Thursday in a 30-vehicle convoy that drove in from Basra, cheered by thousands of supporters in towns along the way. Heeding al-Sistani's calls, thousands more came from their hometowns to Naiaf and gathered on its outskirts.

Thousands of Shiites had gathered at the mosque in Kufa, an al-Sadr stronghold, to march to Najaf when the mortar rounds hit - one inside the mosque compound and around two others at the main gate, according to wit-

"This is a criminal act. We just wanted to launch a peaceful dem-onstration," said Hani Hashem, bringing an injured friend to the

The blasts killed 27 people and wounded 63, according to Mohammed Abdul Kadhim, an official at Furat al-Awsat hospital in Kufa. Blood was splattered on the

pavement in a courtyard beside the mosque and a pair of sandals was left nearby, according to As-sociated Press Television News footage. Shrapnel from the explosions tore chunks out of walls and the payement, but the compound did not appear to have suffered serious structural damage.

Outside the hospital's gate

crowds of angry people gathered. shouting "God is great

After the attack, thousands of demonstrators loyal to al-Sadr marched on nearby Najaf but came under fire from a base between the two cities housing Iraqi

national guardsmen and U.S. troops, witnesses said. The marchers scattered when

the gunfire broke out. The day before, gunfire from the same base killed eight people and wounded 56 who were taking part in what appeared to be a peaceful demonstration supporting al-Sadr. Another mortar attack in Kufa

on Wednesday, apparently target ing a police checkpoint, killed two civilians, including a boy, 8.

Al-Sadr aide Hussam al-Husseini blamed the mortar attack on American forces backing Iraqi troops in the city. "We held the interim government responsible for this bombing," he said.

A U.S. military spokesman, Marine Capt. Carrie Batson, denied the Americans fired the barrage. saving troops were still avoiding targeting holy sites in Kufa and

U.S. military official,

deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Wednesday, 964 U.S. servicemembers have since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 722 ed as a result of hostile action and 242 died of nonhostile

The British military has re ported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Den-mark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Nethhave reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 826 U.S. servicemembers have died - 613 as a result of hostile action and of nonhostile causes, according to the military's num-bers Wednesday.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

A servicemember was

killed Wednesday in a vehicle accident near Tikrit.
The latest identifications re-

ported by the military

Army Staff Sgt. Robert C. Thornton Jr., 35, Rainbow City, Ala.; died Monday in a grenade attack in Baghdad; assigned to the 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was possible that rebels firing at nearby Iraqi National Guard positions overshot their target and hit the mosque.

In other violence, saboteurs attacked about 20 oil pipelines in southern Iraq late Wednesday, reducing exports from the key oil producing region by at least a half, an official with the state-run South Oil Co. said Thursday on condition of anonymity.

U.S. team to help NATO prepare for Afghanistan elections BY WARD SANDERSON

Stars and Strines

The United States will send a quick response force to Afghanistan to help NATO keep the peace during the presidential election there on Oct 9

The force, as described in a release by U.S. Ambassador to NATO Nicholas Burns, will be an infantry company outfitted with light armored and tracked vehicles. The company will be ready to go by late September, and could remain in the capital of Kabul for about three months. It should number around 110 troops The United States will also airlift mem-

an Italian battalion assigned to NATO's Response Force into the country. A spokesman for the ambassador wasn't immediately able to say from where the U.S. contributions would be deployed.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai had asked NATO for emergency security prior to the elections. At the NATO Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, in June, the alliance agreed to assign 10,000 troops to its International Security Assistance Force, which beforehand was 6,500 strong. The U.S. quick response force will join these other NATO troops.

Most of the nearly 18,000 U.S. forces are

the sharper edge of operations in Afghanistan that hunts down terrorists as well as helps in reconstruction.

"The decision to offer these additional forces responds to a request from President Karzai and reflects the strong and sustained U.S. commitment to assist the Afghan people as they seek to exercise their democratic right and forge a constitutionally representative government." Burns announced this week. "It also fulfills a pledge made by NATO heads of state and government at their summit meeting in Istanbul."

About 10.3 million voters have registered for the October election and legisla-

tive elections in April, according to the United Nations. That figure outstrips even Karzai's summit estimate, which was that Afghanistan would boast 6 million registered voters. About 41 percent of those registered are women.

"These numbers are not final as data continues to come in and be verified at the data center in Kabul before it is entered into the database," Manoel de Almeida e Silva, a U.N. spokesman, said in a news release. "This process will continue for at least a couple of weeks."

Karzai will square off against 17 other candidates for the office he now holds.

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Bradley the favored vehicle in Najaf battles

BY JASON CHUD Stars and Strines

NAJAF, Iraq - A tough fight with a close-in enemy requires an even tougher vehicle.

Some soldiers attached to Com-pany C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, think that they've

even better

than tanks.

Staff Sgt.

Demetrio Young

got the perfect piece for the fight in Najaf's 44For this type of narrow. fighting, it's ble-strewn

streets They that the Bradley armored fighting vehicle is just what's called for

here. "For this type of fighting, even better than tanks," said Staff Sgt. Demetrio

Young, 29, of Marina, Calif. "Tanks can withstand more hits, but I'd rather be in a Bradley

because it can move a lot faster. American troops have been fighting in Najaf and some of the

surrounding areas for the past three weeks. Bradley carries

rapid-fire 25 mm gun and a .50-caliber machine gun and runs on tracks like a tank. Tanks have more armor, are much large than a Bradley and carry a 120

mm main gun 'With the 25 [mm], it's a lot better because it causes less damage than a tank round," said Sgt 1st Class Reginald Parham.

Causing less damage to a building is important because the Brad-

lev also carries a half-dozen soldiers in the back.

"Most of time the dismounts [soldiers] get out of the track and clear what we just shot," said Parham. who's worked on Brad-

eight

for of the Bradley armored years. In Najaf, the fighting vehicles fighting distance between armor and enemy can sometimes be measured in feet,

with the enemy popping out of allevs or on rooftops, firing and disappearing. Attacks come quickly and on many occasions the enemy fires first, meaning the vehicle needs to take some hits.

leys

"In the Bradley, we can take four or five rocket-propelled grenade rounds before anything hap-pens to the vehicle," said Parham after an early Tuesday morning



A Bradley armored fighting vehicle with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment sits on a Najaf, Iraq, street Thursday morning. Some of the company's soldiers say the Bradley is the perfect piece for the fight in Naiaf's narrow, rubble-strewn streets, "I'd rather be in a Bradley," says one staff sergeant,

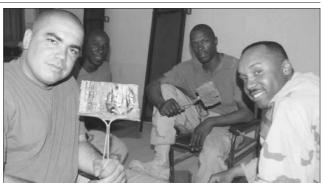
"Whatever street we go down here, we make contact," said Bradley driver Spc. Brandon Osborne, 23, of Quincy, Ill. "They're

everywhere. Osborne said that on this last mission they flushed out 12 enemy fighters, firing on them to protect both their vehicle and their dismounted soldiers

Later that afternoon, Osborne's Bradley survived a frontal hit from an RPG. Other than chunks dug out of its steel, there was no damage to the vehicle and no injuries to its crew, who were a few feet from the impact but on the other side of the steel.

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Sgt. Alfredo Garza, left, and Set. 1st Class John Hopson hold their homemade fly swatters in Najaf, Iraq, between rounds of cards. The two medics made the swatters to keep the pest population at bay, as well as the diseases they carry. With them are Spc. Dashea Brown, second from left, and Sgt. 1st Class



Marlon Anding.

rarily housed.

Soldiers' new mission creating a buzz

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Stripes

NAJAF, Iraq - The Army has declared a

"no-fly zone" in Najaf. More specifically, nothing is allowed to fly in the nondescript building where soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry are tempo-

Sgt. 1st Class John Hopson and Sgt. Alfredo Garza are the proud owners of two wire-framed, duct-taped, handmade fly swat-

Hopson said casualties have been relatively light in the battalion, despite heavy fighting in Naiaf over the past few weeks, so there's plenty of time to hunt flies

"Mine's the original," Hopson said during a

round of cards with Garza and two other soldiers. "Somewhere he messed around and got another fly swatter - an imitation. "I built this to kill all the flies around the aid

station," said Hopson. "[Shortly after] we first moved in here, it was like a fly cemetery.' Flies can carry disease and, the two said,

killing the pests helps keep down the possibili-"Flies carry feces, and we're just doing pre-

ventive medicine," Hopson said. 'We're looking out for the good of the troops," Garza said.

Their "service" to the soldiers is produced by dramatically different designs, they said. Though basically similar in appearance, the swatters have important differences that the two say make one better than the other

"I've got my slits to make sure that I get the

'flat' of a regular fly swatter," said Hopson. "It goes with the wind for a faster swat - it's lightweight and accurate. Tve got at least 850 kills with this joker and

still counting. "I'll give you about 250," said Garza, who proudly shows off his version.

"This right here is a 'Generation II' fly swat-"he said. "It's reinforced with little pieces of cardboard for better durability. It also has more surface area

Garza has added the words "No Fly Zone" on one side and a bull's-eye on the other. According to their tallies, in addition to the

hundreds of flies, Hopson has killed three dragonflies and Garza two "I even tried to get a bird once," Garza

claimed, drawing groans from the room. F-mail Jason Chudy at: chudyi@mail.estrines.osd.mil

4 suspects arrested

A group of 1st Infantry Divi-sion soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 108th Infantry Regiment captured four suspected insurgents Tuesday after a mortar attack against a base near Balad, Iraq, military officials reported Wednesday

After the morning morta tack, which injured a soldier on the base the members of the Big Red One stopped a pickup truck fleeing the area the mortars came from.

AH-64S Apache attack helicopters assisted the soldiers, a Multi-National Corps-Irag news release stated.

The suspects were taken into custody for questioning and residue testing, according to the release.

Prisoner abuse trial

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. An Iraqi inmate who died at a U.S. detention camp was an "ornery prisoner" who was beaten by several Marines, including one on trial for alleged-ly kicking him in the chest, one of the camp's jailers testified.

Pfc. William Roy testified Wednesday that he and defendant Sgt. Gary Pittman believed the 52-year-old inmate, Nagem Hatab, had sold a rifle aken during the ambush U.S. Army convoy that left 11 soldiers dead and led to the capture of Pfc. Jessica Lynch and five others

Pittman could be sentenced to two years in a military prison if convicted of assault and dereliction of duty. Roy was demoted from the rank of lance corporal as part of a plea deal in which he agreed to testify. He is the only Marine to say he saw Pittman attack Hatab

Rumsfeld appears safe after prison reports

Secretary shouldn't have to resign, but issue remains ripe for campaign debate

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Release of two in-depth investigative reports this week on the Abu Ghraib pris on scandal appears to have put to rest suspicions that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld ordered or encouraged the use of abusive

tactics against Iraqi detainees. Rumsfeld and other defense leaders are faulted for lapses in oversight of the detention and in-terrogation system in Iraq, but unless the House or Senate launch new efforts to undermine Rumsfeld it seems the scandal will not force him from office, as appeared possible last spring.

Some senior military officers

however, may be in jeopardy. Disciplinary action has been recommended for a few commanders

Analysis

none above the rank of colonel - and the three-star general who was in charge of the U.S. military in Iraq at the time, Ricardo Sanchez, is cited in both new renorts for leadership failures that might stop him from getting a

Taken together, the two reports - one by an independent panel of defense experts and one by a four-star Army general — provide what amounts to the Pentagon's best answer to the central question that arose when photos of soldiers abusing Iraqi prisoners shocked

the world in April. The question was: How could this have happened in a military that Rumsfeld and others call the

The short answer is that a rela tively small number of deviant soldiers (about three dozen) committed sadistic acts, knowingly violating Army ethics and common standards of decency. And some of their leaders failed to provide supervision and support.

"We learned there were leaders who knew about this misconduct knew better and did nothing " said Gen. Paul Kern, who oversaw an Army investigation of the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, which ran interrogations at the Abu Ghraib facility near Baghdad. A part of the broader answer is

that the Army was not fully prepared for the instability and insu ency that took hold after the fall of Baghdad. It didn't have enough people available to properly run the prison and interrogation sys-

tem; many were not well trained for that duty, and those at Abu Gh-raib were ill-equipped to deal with



investigation found any evidence of this. The independent panel, headed by former Defense Secretary James Schlesinger, did conclude that Rumsfeld should have made

independent

fuller use of his legal staff in developing an interrogation policy for Iraq before the war began. More broadly, it said the Pentagon lead ers failed to adjust quickly to an un-

anticipated Iraqi insurgency. Asked Wednesday after the release of the Army report whether Rumsfeld should go, Sen. John Warner, the Republican chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters he agreed with Schlesinger's view that Rumsfeld's departure would be a "boon

to all of America's enemies. Even if Rumsfeld's political support holds, the Democrats in a pres idential election season are unlike. ly to let the scandal die quickly. John Kerry said Wednesday that Rumsfeld should resign and the whole matter should be investigated by an independent commission appointed by President Bush.

Florida man sets fire to Marine van after learning son was killed in Iraq

The Associated Press

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. - Melida Arredondo said she and her husband knew what was coming as three uniformed

Wednesday, suffering severe burns to his arms and legs The three Marines went to the house to tell the father

and stepmother of Lance Cpl. Alexander Arredondo that

tempts by the Marines to stop him, Rode said.

The Marines, reservists who are members of a military Casualty Assistance Calls Officer team, pulled Arredondo, 44, from the burning vehicle and extinguished the flames

by the fire, Marines spokesman Maj. Scott Mack said.



Europe troops get orders for Afghanistan

5,500 GIs will be first major USAREUR contingent since beginning of invasion

BY JON R. ANDERSON

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Army units in Germany and Italy have begun receiving marching orders for the next rotation of forces into Afghanistan, according to a spokesman for Army forces in Europe.

More than 5,500 troops from Europe will deploy into the combat zone beginning in late fall, with most of the forces in place by the end of the winter, said Michael Tolzmann, U.S. Army Europe spokesman.

It's unclear, however, what U.S.-based units will round out the deployment into Afghanistan.

The rotation marks the first major contingent from Europe embarking for duty in Afghanistan since the U.S.-led invasion almost three years ago.

The Italy-based Southern European Task Force is slated to take over command of the mission in March. The 2,000-strong SETA; commanded by Brig. Gen. Jason Kamiya, will replace the Hawaii-based 25th Infantry Division which has been on the ground since spring.

With force levels in Afghanistan expected to hold steady at about 17,900 troops, SETAF's two battalions of paratroops will not be able to do the job alone. Europe-based troops will provide some of the help.

Joining them will be Germa-

ny-based AH-64 Apache Longbow and UH-60 Black Hawk crews, as well as a wide variety of intelligence, medical, military po-

lice and other support units.
While few if any of the Europe-based units have been to Afghanistan, many are veterans of the war in Iraq. SETAF, for example, jumped into Kurdish-held ter-

ritory in the north at the beginning of the war there while the 2nd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Regiment, a V Corps

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Apache unit based in IIlesheim, provided deep-strike and close-air support through the invasion from Kuwait.

sion of the Apache.

The Illesheim unit returned from Fort Hood, Texas, last month after converting to the updated Longbow ver-

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location.

Spc. Juan Haninger

158th Aviation Regiment

3rd Rattalion

Troops from the Giebelstadt-based 3rd Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment, a Black Hawk unit, learned they will be headed to Afghanistan, barely a year after finishing an extended 13-month tour in Iraq.

The news of another year at war drew resigned sighs from the 3-158 Aviation's combat veterans. Several said they're at least relieved they'll be going someplace different.

"I'd prefer a change in scenery

 and a little cooler climate," said Spc. Brian Ferry, 20, of Rockland. Pa.

To others, though, the change matters little.

"The mission's the same," said Spc. Juan Haninger, 23, of Stockton, Calif. "It's just a different location."

There is currently the rough equivalent of seven infantry battalions operating

in Afghanistan, including three light-infantry battalions from the 25th ID's Third Brigade, one battalion of Marines, and one battalion from the Virginia Army National

Guard.

Meanwhile, one field artillery regiment from the 25th 1D is performing a mix of infantry and artillery duties while the division's cavalry squadron also is performing largely light-infantry duties.

With only two infantry battalions so far slated to deploy, it's unclear what other combat forces will round out next rotation.

The 1st Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment is one of the few ground combat units in Europe that has not just returned from Iraq or currently is there. In fact, the unit was attached to SETAF to provide an armored punch for the unit as it

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The next rotation of European-bas units are expected to begin deploying Afghanistan in late fall.

Southern European Task Force

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ter in eastern Germany, Officials,

however, could not confirm

whether the battalion would de-

"That unit has not been given

deployment orders," said Hilde

ploy to Afghanistan.

14th Movement Control Battalion 720th Ordnance Company (Explosive ordnance Disposal) Elements of 191st Ordnance Battalion 23rd Ordnance Company

23rd Ordnance Company 5th Maintenance Company 69th Transportation Company Elements of the 251st Transportation ompany Nine military working dog teams

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44th Signal Battalion Elements of the 509th Signal Battalion

1st Personnel Command

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18th Engineer Brigade

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18th Engineer Brigade
60th Engineer Detachment

7th Army Reserve Command

66th Military

Intelligence Group

pushed toward Baghdad from the north. Patton, a V Corps spokeswoman. According to senior Army officials in Europe, the unit is now training for infantry duties at the

So far, all the Pentagon has said is that "elements of XVIII Airborne Corps" would provide the balance of forces.

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Renovated restaurant brings Naples crowds a taste of the States

BY KENDRA HELMER Stars and Stripes

NAPLES, Italy — Folks craving American grill food in an English-pub atmosphere can get it by swinging by a remodeled restaurant next to the Carney Park golf course. After a yearlong renovation, the Fairways

Bar & Grill, formerly known as the Fairways Restaurant, opens Friday at Carney Park.

"We wanted to have a place you can go to and have a beer and American food like you eniov back in the States." said Richard

Knapp, golf course manager.

Because the old restaurant's plumbing was being reworked, it made sense to do other upgrades at the same time, said Thomas Wilson, marketing director for Naples Morale, Welfare and Recreation. MWR did not have figures available on the overall

cost of the renovations.

The carpet was ripped out and replaced with tiles and carpet, and the booths were swapped for leather chairs and tables. The solid-oak bar with stained-glass accents, custom-designed by the MWR staff, was built in the States and shipped to Naples. It has II rish, German and American beer on tan.

Knapp said a satellite will beam in the American Golf Channel and other programs to the six or so TVs in the bar and lounge

The patio, with new wrought-iron furniture and heaters, will be available for parties and banquets.

The Golf Pro Shop, which sells equipment and clothes, also was renovated. The lighting on the putting green has been improved for for night play.

The eaterv is open for lunch and early din-

ner from about noon to 9 p.m. Wednesdays to Sundays, with the hours dependent on the number of customers. The traditional mixed grill menu includes black Angus hamburgers, fish and chips, grilled swordfish,

spinach and artichoke dip and salads. It will also have theme nights, the first of which will be an all-you-can-eat taco bar Sept. 17. The theme nights, about 6-8 p.m., cost \$7.50 per person. Fairways also is considering having a monthly Sunday buffet brunch.

Friday's open house is 5 to 8 p.m. For more information on the restaurant, call 081-526-5418.

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KENDRA HELMER/Stars and Stripes

Bartender Roberto Esposito stands behind the new British-style bar at the Fairways Bar & Grill, which reopens Friday at Carney Park in Naples, Italy, after a year of renovations. "We wanted to have a place you can go to and have a beer and American food like you enjoy back in the States," said Richard Knapp, golf course manager.

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Scattered Marines get to meet together

Stuttgart conference provides latest news and info on Corps' future to MARFOREUR troops

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART Germany - Marines usually form a pretty tight group, but not always.

The 1,200 who are part of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe, or MARFOREUR, are spread out across a lot of countries. On Wednesday and Thursday, some came to the European Theater Marine Conference to hear the latest news affecting Marines, as well as information on the Corps' direction for 2005 and beyond "The basis for my job is contact

with other peo to go meet the Spanish commandant of the Marine Corps, to meet the Spanish chief of naval operations, meet their operaofficer, tions said Lt. Col. Jose Cristy of San Juan, Puerto Rico, and the Defense Attache Office in Madrid. "In the Span

ish culture, business is done at a personal level. If I can know the needs of MAR-FOREUR and U.S. European Command] and translate that to them, that makes my job a lot easier." The 90 Ma-

rines who came to the conference were mostly colonels, lieutenant colonels and majors. Many

were from Stuttgart, where MAR-FOREUR is headquartered, but others came from places such as Latvia, Norway, Russia and Italy. Their job, according to MAR-

FOREUR commander Lt. Gen. Martin R. Berndt, was to leave the conference feeling more connected to the Corps

"In many cases, Marines ... are working in an office with other service and state department people and they're focused on their day-to-day tasks," Berndt said. "Because they don't have a day-to-day exchange with Marine operating forces or, in some cases, other Marines, the things going on within the Corps don't get front-and-center attention.

"It's important they know what's going on, understand the changes in the Corps and how we're transitioning and transforming ourselves in some areas.'

Some of the changes are tactical, such as EUCOM's shifting focus from western Europe to eastern Europe and Africa, which are considered the new potential hotspots for enemies of the United States

Other changes are not as exciting but just as important, Berndt said, such as new procedures and paperwork. The officers in attendance were ordered to learn the rules and pass them down their chain of command. "So the lance

benefits Berndt have a said. "And as a day-to-day result of this [conference] exchange with they'll be afforded to him, and Marine he'll get them on

and he operating forces won't have to ask questions about or, in some 'Why is this wrong?' " cases, other Maj. Michelle Rudy, of Mullica Hill N.J. and Marines, the

MARFOREUR's things going on personnel office. within the Corps said that behind every piece of padon't get perwork is a Marine out there front-and-center has attention. something coming, whether it's

Lt. Gen. Martin R. Berndt MARFORFUR commander

tor's bill. "If these areas are not taken care of by these Marines," Rudy said, "when they actually go out to do combat, they're thinking about their family back

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at home ... and if this got settled." Others in MARFOREUR, such as Maj. Miguel Ameigeiras, have no one underneath them supvervise. Ameirgeiras, of Hollywood, Calif., a special assistant to the EUCOM deputy commander, hoped the conference would help him keep his own "Marine Corps

house in order? "It's all facilitated for me here. he said. "I'll know where to go for information and how to get every-

thing accomplished." "Then I can focus on the job the Marine Corps sent me here to

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Königstuhl run coming HEIDELBERG, Germany

The Heidelberg military community will host the 28th annual Battalion Signal Königstuhl Run at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 25

To register for the 5.4-mile up-

hill slog to the Army's mountaintop antenna station, runners can call DSN 370-7045 or 06221-57-7054 for information, or go the run's Web site at:

www.konigstuhlrun.de. Entry fee for the run is \$12 until Sept. 17 and \$15 thereaf-



U.S. Army Lt. Gen. Martin R. Berndt. commander of U.S. Marine Forces Europe, emphasized the importance of taking care of administrative details to attendees Wednesday at the European Theater Marine Conference in Stuttgart, Germany.



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Airmen dissect the basics of the convoy

Thorough training assists squadron in managing the real thing in Iraq

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy -The only incoming fire the 603rd Air Control Squadron has to worry about during training exercises this month is an errant shot off the tees of the nearby base golf course.

But dozens of airmen from the unit experienced the real thing earlier this year.

The 603rd returned from a six-month rotation in Iraq in June. During that stint, it completed a move from Baghdad International Airport to Balad Air Base, trucking all its equipment in nearly two dozen convoys.

Staff Sgt. Jason DeLucy, who was on most of those missions. said a few convovs came under small-arms fire from a distance. But none of them had to stop and there were no injuries

Still, the experience made him realize that training for such missions should be taken seriously

"The training is pretty thorough and fits with what we experienced," he said.

Recause the unit wasn't ambushed and had some help from the Army in clearing roadside bombs in Iraq, this training probably goes a bit further, he said, because it covers scenarios that didn't happen

Lt. Col. Jennifer Spears, who took over the squadron after it re-



PRISCILLA ROBINSON/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

So in addition to loading up

and unpacking a small amount of

their equipment, airmen have

been drilling on setting up tents

and camps, establishing perime-

ters and training on how to prop-

Members of the 603rd Air Control Squadron practice moving equipment and personnel via a convoy on Aviano Air Base, Italy, earlier this month. The squadron, which spent the first half of 2004 deployed to Iraq, is designed to be mobile and handle its own transportation needs while deployed.

turned to Aviano, said the 603rd has to be prepared to fend for itself and know everything possible about traveling by convoy.

"In order to get to where we need to go to accomplish the mission, this is where you start," she said. "It's a basic requirement for this squadron to have all the basic skills

Basic to many Army units, maybe. But not to airmen.

tective gear in a convoy setting. Airmen who went through the drill faced ambushes, roadside bomb scenarios and protests designed to stall the convoys. First Lt. Rvan Finan said the

only real scare was to golfers who were surprised when heavily armed airmen quickly arrived and set up camp near one of the holes. The squadron was using an area adjacent to the golf course, because it already had other equipment there. Spears said the squadron

needs to be familiar with all its tasks, because it could be called to deploy again at "any time." She said she's heard of no such deployments, but there are only five air control squadrons in the Air Force - including the 606th Air Control Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base in Germany.

Such squadrons are not included in the Aerospace Expeditionary Force rotations. Unlike most airmen sent to locations in the desert, air control squadrons deploy as units. They also can spend a longer time in theater, as evidenced by the 603rd's Iraq deployment.

"It's probably about as close to the Army as the Air Force gets, Finan said with a smile, summing up all the differences.

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Navy patrolman enters guilty plea to charges related to on-duty joyride

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Strines

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain — A Navy patrolman pleaded guilty at a special court-martial Thursday to flipping a security vehicle during an on-duty joy ride and then trying to cover it up.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Aaron Sweet said he was "showboating" when he drove the sports utility vehicle off road during a routine base patrol with another security officer March 26. He said he rolled the Nissan Terrano while doing "doughnuts" and "figure eights." The vehicle was totaled in the accident. The insurance company estimated the damage at \$7,728.

Sweet, who has 15 years of service in the Navy, pleaded guilty to five incident-related charges, including making a false statement, damaging government property and reckless driving. Navy Judge (Capt.) Dave

sentenced Sweet to 60 days' hard labor, a reduction in pay rate and forfeiture of \$300 per month for six months. U.S. base commander Capt. John Orem will review the case and could reduce the punishment.

Sweet said he and Petty Officer 3rd Class Valeria Pezzano were patrolling the base's northeast section when he flipped the

told a security dispatcher over the radio they were in pursuit of a speeding black sedan. He said he and Pezzano agreed to the phony story. But after security scoured the naval station for the phantom car and never found it, Sweet and Pezzano admitted they made it up.

Under the sentencing guidelines, Sweet will be reduced to a petty officer third class. However, if he gets in trouble in a 12-month period, he could be dropped to a seaman pay rate.

Pezzano has not been charged in the incident.

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IN THE WORLD

Russian flight recorders yield no crash info

BY JIM HEINTZ

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian official said Thursday that flight recorders failed to provide reliable information about what brought down two jetliners just minutes apart, but for the first time a government leader conceded that terrorism was considered the leading possibility.

A day after officials spoke cautiously about terrorism and stressed that other causes were being considered, presidential envoy Vladimir Yakovlev said that despite the lack of data, the main theory about the catastrophe "all the same remains terrorism," the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

The apparent failure of the recorders to provide significant information was sure to fuel what appeared to be rising suspicion among Russians over the crashes that killed 89 people, a view embodied by a headline in the Nezavisimaya Gazeta proclaiming "Russia now has a Sept. 11."

"There are too many coincidences," said a Moscow pensioner, Ruven Suryaninov. Physicist Natalia Kozhelupova said, "It's too suspicious."

Others found their suspicions mixed with perplexity. "I never trust what the authorities are saying, but in this case I don't know," said Yevgeny Skepner, a computer

programmer.

Many Russians have ingrained doubts about the government's candor after the confused and contradictory reports on the sinking of the nuclear submarine Kursk in 2000 and the still-murky 2002 seizure of a Moscow theater by Chechen rebels.

Suspicions about terrorism in the crashes were bolstered by the fact they came just five days before a Kremlin-called election in warring Chechnya, whose separatist rebels have been blamed in a series of suicide bombings and other attacks in recent years. Officials previously expressed concern that militants might try to carry out attacks ahead of Sunday's vote.

Officials said Wednesday that while terrorism was a possibility, other factors such as bad jet fuel or human error also were being investigated and they hoped the planes' data recorders would yield clues.

But Yakovlev, the presidential envoy for southern Russia, where one of the jettliners crashed, told First Channel television that the recorders "turned off immediately ... this is probably the main affirmation that something happened very fast."

He said the recorders "had gone out of service already before the fall of the airliners," ITAR-Tass said.

Analysts were divided over whether the government has been trying to play down the possibility of terrorism.

Pavel Felgenhauer, an independent military analyst who is often critical of Russian

authorities, said the government would have nothing to gain in a cover-up.

"From all viewpoints, it would be better for the authorities to call it a terrorist act... because otherwise it means that things are really bad here, that we have bad planes that crash to the ground one after another." he said.

But Oleg Panteleyev, an independent aviation expert, speculated the authorities were trying to avoid another form of embarrassment.

"For the special services, to miss such a major terrorist act would be to acknowledge their impotence," he said.

A government commission appointed to investigate traveled Thursday to the crash site about 120 miles south of Moscow, where a Tu-134 with 43 people aboard went down. Workers ended their search work there, but continued to comb the wreckage of a Tu-154 that crashed in southern. Russia, killing 46 passengers and

An unidentified man lies in a river of tomato juice at the end of the tomato throwing festival.

Spanish festival paints small town red

Revelers wage annual tomato war

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Knee-deep in red mush, tens of thousands of revelers pelted each other with tons of ripe tomatoes Wednesday in Spain's messiest summer

Police in the eastern village of Bunol — population 10,000 — said some 36,000 people waged the hour-long food fight, bathing themselves, the walls and streets with 140 tons of fruit projectiles.

Some warriors were shown on television literally swimming in the fresh tomato puree, only their

heads peeking out of the sea of red pulp.

It all started with a pistol shot at high noon, after which six trucks unloaded fruit ammunition for Spaniards and tourists from as far away as Japan who had gathered for two hours to paste each other in the decades-old battle called "La Tomatina"

Residents preferring to watch from balconies — but getting their licks in, too — poured water on the crowd.

Town hall set up 500 makeshift showers for the revelers to clean up. Others bathed in a river.

The festival, held every year on the last Wednesday of August, is said to have started in the 1940s when a clutch of youths began throwing their lunch at each other one day in a downtown square.

They met again the following year, this time pelting passers-by as well and giving birth to the now legendary food fight.

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AP photo

Young people throw ripe tomatoes at each other during the annual "Tomatina" tomato fight in the town of Bunol, near Valencia, Spain, on Wednesday. The town used 140 tons of tomatoes in the messy battle.

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Call for impeachment More canceled flights

LONDON — A lawmaker used historic Parliamentary laws to launch an attempt to impeach Prime Minister Tony Blair Thursday for misleading the country over the case for the Iraq war.

Adam Price, a lawmaker with the Welsh Plaid Cymru party, said he was reviving a parliamentary procedure last used more than 150 years ago because Blair had refused to resign despite "compelling evidence" that he had duped the country.

Price's bid would require a vote in support of impeachment in the House of Commons, where Blair's ruling Labour Party has an overwhelming majority, making it an unlikely scenario.

LONDON — British Airways

canceled some flights Thursday, marking the fourth consecutive day of disrupted services due to staff shortages and technical difficulties.

The airline scrapped a scheduled flight from Baltimore, Md., to Heathrow Airport and a round-trip flight from Heathrow to Amsterdam, citing technical problems.

Round-trip flights from the airport to Oslo and Zurich were canceled because of staff shortages. The airline has canceled almost

90 European and U.S. flights over the past three days, stranding thousands of travelers at the height of the busy summer vacation period.

From The Associated Press

settles suit

BY ELIOTT C.

McLaughlin

The Associated Press

settlement was reached Thurs-

day in a lawsuit against the opera-

tors of a crematory where the re

mains of 334 people were found

the day after a trial stemming

from the lawsuit filed by nearly

1,700 people who said their rela-

tives' remains were mishandled.

U.S. District Court Judge Harold

Murphy commended both sides

for the amicable agreement.

The settlement was reached

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IN THE STATES

Bush enlists McCain to fight attack ads Crematory

BY DER RIECHMANN

The Associated Press LAS CRUCES, N.M. - President Bush wants to work with Republican Sen. John McCain to go to court against political ads by "shadowy" outside groups, the White House said Thursday amid growing pressure on the president to denounce attacks on John

Kerry's war record. "We want pursue court Bush spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters aboard Air Force One en route to New Mexico. "The president said if the court ac



tion doesn't work, that he would be willing to pursue legislative action with Sen. McCain on that."

McClellan did not say when any of those steps would be taken. Election Day is Nov. 2.

The debate over Kerry's service in Vietnam has dominated the presidential race in recent

Veterans for Truth aired ads questioning the Democratic nominee's decorated record.

McCain. R-Ariz., has called on Bush to condemn the anti-Kerry ads, even as the war hero popular with many indenendent voters is active support-Bush's ing



The senator welcomed Bush's ges-

"I'm very appreciative of the president's effort to do that, McCain said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I want to emphasize if I could that we're not saving that 527s should be abolished. We're just saying they should live under the same campaign finance restrictions [as hard money groups] because they are engaged in partisan activity."

McCain added: "I've said before I would like for the president to specifically condemn that ad, but the president has said John Kerry served honorably and also

Kerry challenges president to series of weekly debates

ANOKA, Minn. - John Kerry challenged President Bush on Thursday to weekly debates from now until Nov. 2 on campaign issues like education, health care and national security.

"America deserves a discussion like we're having here today, which I'm prepared to have with this president every single week from now until the election," the Democratic presidential candidate said.

The Bush-Cheney campaign rebuffed the debate challenge "There will be a time for de-

the president is now committed to acting to try to bring 527s into regins that are appropriate."

Bush has criticized all outside group attack ads, including the Swift Boat Veterans group's first commercial. He has said he wants the ads to stop, but has not explicitly condemned the charges

made in the Swift Boat ad Responding to the White House Kerry should take the time to finish the debates with himself," responded Bush-Cheney spokesman Steve Schmidt.

"This election presents a clear choice to the American people between a president who is moving America forward and a senator who has taken every side of almost every issue," he said. The Commission on Presiden-

tial Debates has scheduled three presidential debates to be held on college campuses in the battleground states of Florida, Missouri and Arizona in late September and October.

The suit against Ray Brent Marsh and his father's estate came 21/2 years after 334 bodies statement, Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said, "This isn't an issue about 527 ads or campaign fithat were supposed to have been cremated were found at the Tri-State Crematory, nance. It's a question of whether the commander-in-chief will deserved Georgia, Tennessee and nounce a group whose claims have been discredited by eyewit-ness accounts, official naval Alahama.

records and, in some cases, their own words." McClellan said the goal is "to shut down all of this activity by these shadowy groups."

"Everybody, quite frankly, wanted to get it over," said de-fense attorney Frank Jenkins. "We want it over, we want healing, we want to go on with our lives and I think that's what made it possible.

Marsh, who still faces 787 criminal charges in an October trial, declined to comment.

Robert Darroch, an attorney for the family members, said payment would come from the Marshes' insurance company, Georgia Farm Bureau, and that it and the two parties would work out details Friday in a county court.

He said he had "no doubt" the company will pay the money because the Marshes' policy covers acts of negligence.

Federal judge rules in favor of 'partial-birth abortion

By LARRY NEUMEISTER The Associated Press

NEW YORK - In a highly anticipated ruling, a federal judge found the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional Thursday because it does not include a health exception U.S. District Judge Richard C.

Casev in Manhattan said the Su-

that a law that prohibits the performance of a particular abortion procedure must include an excep tion to preserve a woman's life and health. Casey issued the rul-ing two months after hearing closing arguments in the case.

A San Francisco judge already has declared the 2003 law unconstitutional, and a judge in Lincoln.

Nebraska, is considering the ques tion. The three judges suspended the ban while they held the trials. The law signed in November

represented the first substantial federal legislation limiting a woman's right to choose an abortion.

Abortion rights activists said it conflicted with three decades of Supreme Court precedent. It banned a procedure that is

known to doctors as intact dilation and extraction, but is called "partial-birth abortion" by abortion foes. During the procedure,

the fetus is partially removed from the womb, and its skull is punctured or crushed. The judge challenged the con-

clusion by Congress that there is no significant body of medical opinion that the procedure has safety advantages for women.

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Firms chosen to create defense systems for commercial planes

BY LESLIE MILLER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Teams led by BAE Systems and Northrop Grumman were chosen Wednes day to build and test prototypes for anti-missile systems to defend U.S. commercial planes against shoulder-fired rockets

The Homeland Security Department said the companies will each get \$45 million over the next 18 months. It's the second phase of the agency's effort to determine whether affordable, effec-tive anti-missile systems can be deployed on commercial planes.

Last January, BAE, Northrop and United Airlines were chosen from among 24 companies that sought \$2 million contracts to develop plans for using anti-missile technology and to analyze the economic, manufacturing and main-tenance issues for placing such systems on civilian aircraft

All three came up with plans use lasers to redirect heat-seeking rockets away from aircraft engines. United's plan was not considered as advanced. so it was dropped.

"We have been impressed with the progress made by these teams over the past six months," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said. "Taking aggressive action to understand how technology can address this potential threat is a high priority for us."

Military aircraft and planes that carry heads of state, such as Air Force One, already deploy anti-missile systems. The sys-tems, though, are not reliable enough for commercial aviation.

require a great deal of maintenance and can go off spontaneous ly while a plane is on the ground, creating a safety hazard.

The two companies will have to overcome those problems in a cost-effective way and obtain ap-proval for the devices from the Federal Aviation Administration said Parney Albright, assistant secretary for Homeland Security.

"There's a lot of challenges ahead." Albright said.

Concerns about terrorists using lightweight rocket launchers to take down commercial airliners were raised in November 2002 when terrorists fired two SA-7 missiles that narrowly missed an Israeli passenger jet after it took off from Mombasa, Kenya. U.S. officials concluded al-Oaida probably was behind the attack, which coincided with a bomb blast at a nearby hotel



A 1995 Ford Mustang seized by police is among the items that will be put up for sale by the state of California. In an effort to terminate the state's surplus items, the state Department of General Services will hold a giant sale for the public Friday and Saturday.

Everything but the governor: California holds a garage sale

BY JENNIFER COLEMAN The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - California is cleaning out its garage and holding a sale, selling off sur-plus office equipment and computers, along with cars, espresso machines and baseball cards the state has accumulated over the

The massive housecleaning is part of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's move to make state government more efficient and is an idea highlighted in the 2,700-page California Performance Review he ordered. Better management of the state's assets was also the subject of an executive order and Schwarzenegger legislation signed

The state Department of General Services leases warehouses that are stacked with giant crates, each one filled with surplus state goods, but most of which "were just sitting here for years, gather-ing dust," said Fred Aguiar, secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency.
In what he called the first thor

ough purging of its warehouses, Aguiar said at least one of the crates held surplus goods from a department that has been defunct for two years.

Selling the property Friday and

Saturday will help clean out "the cobwebs of government," Schwarzenegger said.

The Department of General Services surplus warehouse in Sacramento, normally open to the public for sales of used office equipment, was closed Thursday so workers could sort and price the goods.

Items such as office furniture, tools, computers, restaurant equipment, jewelry and baseball cards will be set out for sale Fri-day and Saturday. Also among the surplus property is a 1995 Ford Mustang with 48,000 miles seized by South Lake Tahoe police.

While most of the items are from various state agencies and offices, others have come to the state through asset forfeitures and other avenues, said Aguiar. On Wednesday, workers sorted

boxes of thousands of knives, scis-sors and nail clippers — and one abandoned electric cattle prod seized at airport security checkpoints.

In case bargain hunters can't be in Sacramento for the sale, the state is also selling many items on eBay under the seller name californiagold2000.

The state will accept cash, cred-

it cards and personal checks, Aguiar said, adding, "These items are priced to move

Wis. man cleared as suspect in couple's deaths SANTA ROSA Calif - Authorities cleared a Wisconsin man who

had been sought following the shooting deaths of two camp counselors. saying he was not a suspect.

Nicholas Edward Scarseth, 21, called police after it was announced that he was a "potential witness" in the killings. He was interviewed Tuesday, passed a polygraph test and was then released in what his

parents say was a case of mistaken identity "He was cooperative and was released after our interview," Lt. Dave Edmonds of the Sonoma County Sheriff's Department said in a statement Wednesday. "We presently do not view Mr. Scarseth as a suspect."

Dozens of detectives are investigating the murders of Lindsay Cut-shall, 23, and her fiance, Jason Allen, 26, who were found Aug. 18 shot to death in their sleeping bags on a remote beach near the Northern California hamlet of Jenner.

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Not linked to slavery

I was surprised to read of the controversy over the playing of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" ("Offensive song?," Aug. 17) for returning soldiers. Apparently, some people connect it with slavery.

Actually, it is a variation of an Irish song. "Johnny I Hardly Knew Ye," that predates the American Civil War and has no connection to slavery. The original song is a somber, even anti-war, song. Its lyrics are the voice of a woman looking for Johnny, her son or husband, an Irishman who has served in the British army. He has been so damaged by war, physically or psychologi cally, that she does not recognize him. The ambiguity of the lyrics makes it universal The song was brought to America in the great wave of Irish immigration in the 1850s and was adapted into the homecoming song known to Americans, Likewise, "Garryowen," though adopted by the 7th Cavalry, is not about the Indian Wars. It is another Irish song celebrating the town of Garryowen in County Limerick

Marine Col. Joseph F. Collins

Baghdad

Song flap shows ignorance Once again, we see the issue of ignorance of U.S. military history among a member of the senior noncommissioned officer corps.

As an NCO in the U.S. Army, I find it appalling that many of my more senior ranking fellow soldiers have so little grasp of the scope and breath of the history of our service.

This problem starts at the initial entry training level, in which the history and cus-toms of our service receive only the briefest time on an already-crowded training sched-

Perhans the folks at Training and Doctrine Command, in conjunction with the Sergeants Major Academy, can put together a fully accredited e-learning course on the history of the U.S. Army to be available to all soldiers. Perhaps then, this level of "un-learnedness" among the senior ranks will itself become part history. Staff Sgt. John Wingfield

LSA Anaconda, Iraq

Guard serving proudly

We are one team fighting a common enemy, and not each other. The author of "National Guard training" (Aug. 17) fails to realize that the National Guard has been serving in every conflict since 1637. Without the National Guard, our worldwide commitments would not be able to be met.

Training in responsibility, discipline and respect is the responsibility of a leader. If there was a problem with an individual soldier, he should have been counseled and corrective action taken.

The letter writer correlates complaining with irresponsibility, lack of discipline and disrespect. Concerns about living condi-tions, hygiene facilities and equipment are fair topics to be brought forth for correc-

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Many people may have joined for the educational benefits, but the world has changed since they enlisted. They have answered the

call, and they are proudly serving. Spc. Allen Johnson

Camp Bucca, Iraq

A complaint about complaining Everyone knows that all reservists and National Guard soldiers immediately throw away responsibility, discipline and

respect after basic training. Only active-duty training can instill such values in people; thanks for pointing that out ("Naal Guard training," Aug. 17)

We all know that prior service troops never, ever complain. We should just tell the Defense Department to get rid of all nonprior service reservists and guardsmen, right?

And we all know why those Guard troops joined in the first place: college money. Of course all of the active duty troops joined because of things like God and country. None of them would join because they lacked direction and purpose after high school they wanted adventure they wanted to see the world, they wanted to get job training, they were trying to escape something, or they wanted money for education. They would never join for such selfish reasons and only thought of the United States and freedom when signing the dotted line.

And what about the reservists and guardsmen complaining? I mean, when people start complaining about things like showers or living areas, you know that mutiny is just around the corner.

Why try to improve your situation or expect better from the military? Soldiers don't have the right to complain, because complaining will surely lead to the demise of the military. It might even cause people to write letters to the paper complaining about complaining. Why try to improve things when you can overgeneralize a group of people and cry about people complaining?

Doing that is so much more constructive. Spc. Russell Steadele

Camp Victory Kuwait

Move hurts colonel's authority

Being a retired U.S. Air Force master sergeant from Rhode Island, I closely watched the rise of Lt. Col. Martha Mc-Sally, who sued the Defense Department for forcing female servicemembers to wear Muslim garb while serving in Saudi Arabia. I'm sure she has been quite an inspiration for many women who aspire to break many of the traditional man-roles.

While I think this endeavor is admirable, it's possible McSally may now come to regret the methodologies she employed to change the system.

I can see it now, some airman standing in front of her for disobeving a lawful order or any other Uniform Code of Military Justice infraction. How is she going to provide the right esprit de corps and discipline in her new command? When the men start showing up with earrings or beards — or even "unauthorized" headgear — how will she respond? What grounds will she have? Michael Francis

Springfield, Va.

Bush's behavior on 9/11

The writer of "What he would have done" (Aug. 18) ignores facts and uses sarcasm to avoid the real issues of President Bush's behavior on 9/11

He implies that only Superman could have done a better job. What are the facts?

Bush was notified between 8:46 a.m. and 8:55 a.m. that the first plane had struck the World Trade Center. He entered the classroom at 9 a.m., posed for photos and began reading with the children. At 9:06 he was told about the second plane.

Bush himself — attending an announced event in a school full of children - may have been a target. What did he do? He spent another 10 minutes reading to the kiddies.

From 9:16 until 9:29, still at the school, he met with staff and made phone calls. He then gave a speech and departed at 9:34. Not until 9:56, after Air Force One was airborne and apparently not until after he learned of the Pentagon attack, did he finally give a shoot-down order. So: Our president, knowing the coun-

try was under attack, did not issue the order necessary to defend us until 50 minutes later. Research question for the letter writer: What is the flight time of an intercontinental ballistic missile from North Korea to Los Angeles?

Sen. John Kerry gave exactly the right answer when asked how he would have dealt with the situation: Politely excuse himself and go do what a president is supposed to do. So what say you all, do we have enough

facts here to conclude that President Bush miserably failed in his responsibilities as leader of our country and commander in chief? I think so.

Matt Martin Würzburg, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Timing of troop plan influenced by politics

ith the end of the Cold War and the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, the United States began bringing its 400,000 troops home from their bases overseas. Now about 200 000 are stationed outside the United States, excluding the more than 150,000 in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most of those doing tours of several years are in Germany and South Korea.

Last week, President Bush proposed bringing more servicemembers back to U.S. bases. Redeployment is something Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has been studying since he took office in 2001. But what should be a study in strategy and tactics a discussion on how best to provide national security, has been overwhelmed by politics. Hence the president's announcement on troop withdrawals less than three months before an election, at an appear-ance before the Veterans of Foreign Wars that was paid for by Bush's re-election cam-

If the Pentagon's plans are good - and Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry denounced them in his equally political appearance before the VFW two days after Bush spoke — they'll be just as good after Inauguration Day

Not that any of the redeployments (per-

haps eventually totaling as many as 70,000 will happen any time soon. Pentagon officials said they would not begin for more than a year and could take as long as a decade. Nor would changing the troop strength and locations be cheap.

Bush predicted savings, but they may come at the price of a steep initial investment, according to a Congressional Budget Office report in May on the Army, the service with the most permanent installations and troops outside the United States. The moving costs will be great, base infrastructure in the United States must be expanded to cope with more troops and their families, and contributions from host nations such as Germany will undoubtedly be trimmed.

Kerry criticized the proposed withdraw al of 12,000 of the more than 38,000 U.S. troops in South Korea at a time when Washington is trying to get North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons. But 51 years after the end of the Korean War, South Korea should be able to defend itself, and a withdrawal of one-third of the U.S. troops would be unlikely to persuade Pyongyang that the United States is in retreat or unwilling to again come to Seoul's aid.

The primary reason for stationing U.S. troops in nations with strong militaries such as Japan and South Korea is to protect American interests, and only second-



arily to give pause to enemies of the host countries. Political support in host countries also plays a role; the United States shut its bases in the Philippines after years

The Cold War dictated domestic and overseas deployments; the war on terror is

necessitating new bases in nations such as Uzbekistan Advanced technology in the hands of a

well-equipped, highly trained military may make it easier to keep troops and their families at home rather than abroad, but the decision must be based on reasons of national security, not politics.

Repositioning U.S. forces is valid as enemies shift

BY PETER R. HUESSY

WASHINGTON

resident Bush's bold proposal to redeploy some 70,000 U.S. troops from East Asia and Western Europe is a win-win situation from virtually every vantage point.

It's good for American taxpavers, it's good for military morale and it's good for our allies

Most important, it's good for national security at a time when quick-strike mobility rather than a outmoded Cold War set-piece strategy - is vital in fighting a war against shadowy terrorist cells lurking in many countries across the globe.

Bush has proposed moving upward of some 70,000 American soldiers from East Asia and Western Europe over the next decade. These soldiers will probably involve heavy armor divisions stationed in Germany as well as some forces from the Republic of Korea and Okinawa. The U.S. bedrock of deterrence will remain, of course reinforced by our nuclear umbrella and our forces still stationed in those areas especially with respect to the still-emanating threat from the North Korean capital of Pyongyang

A very large number of retired U.S. military combat veterans, including seven generals and three admirals with a combined 350 years of service, have endorsed the administration's proposals. They and other experts note the war against the so-called international iihadists will require an agile and flexible military - an objective that certainly will be enhanced by the president's proposed reforms.

It's comforting to note a bipartisan consensus developing — highlighted by Demo-cratic presidential candidate John Kerry's recent remark that a thoughtful reform might very well include some movement of U.S. forces from Germany and South Korea.

While our military is currently grappling with its full and complete role in Iraq, a key element of any effective strategy in the likely means pre-emptive moves that preserve the stability of friendly governments while undermining the terror masters rogue regimes and terrorism's private fin-

Even major organizations such as the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, generally reflexively against U.S. military power, now have concluded that "too many dangerous activities" are not encompassed by existing agreements, and therefore need to be countered by the possible use of military force.

Of prime importance is the growing threat of nuclear terror, which the Bush administration describes as a key "proliferation threat.

This triple threat combines outlaw states, the growth of "loose" nuclear weap-ons/materials, and fanatical terrorists willing to use any means necessary to express their hatred of the West.

As a result, the Bush administration concluded that some of the actors in this horror-drama, including Saddam Hussein's Iraq, could not be reformed. While Libya's decision to capitulate and remove its nuclea

come, it is an unlikely outcome in many of the other cases Flexible military forces can help the

United States and its allies act quickly to intercept banned and dangerous technology. fully enforce and expand the Proliferation Security Initiative, while complementing expanded Nunn-Lugar efforts to keep nuclear material out of the hands of the iihad-

Following these strategies will allow us to muscularly enforce clear-sighted policies in the war on terror rather than rely on what Sen. Jon Kvl. R-Ariz., has dubbed "peace through paper" and the Carnegie Endowment has called "commitments and resolutions earnestly passed."

One of America's finest soldiers, former Marine Corps Commandant Gen. P.X. Kelly, noted the new troop alignment proposed by the president demonstrates a forward-looking view, moves beyond the status quo, recognizes the realities of the post-Sept. 11 world. Kelly points out that "the threat America faces today is fundamentally different than the threats America's military was configured to face during

ties "make force deployment and the projection of power more important than the location of standing armies." Of course, the threat from North Korea

remains serious, and is growing with its nuclear program and ballistic missiles. But the current force of Americans soldiers in South Korea has never been adequate to stop a concerted attack from Pyongyang without major reinforcements and the use of overwhelming air power. To mount an effective deterrent in Korea, however, the Bush administration wisely recognizes that we do not need to tie down hundreds of thousands of U.S. forces that are better utilized elsewhere

In short, President Bush's reposition of U.S. forces is based on a new reality that indelibly inscribed itself on the national consciousness after the tragic events of Sept. 11. One can argue that it might have been undertaken a half-decade or more ago, but both the American people and their protec-tors should be thankful it is occurring now. Peter R. Huessy is a senior defense associate at the National Defense University Foundation and a member of The Committee on the Present Danger, a bipartisan education and advocacy organization dedicated to building a national consensus for flighting terror around the globe.

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I don't know if you've ever commented on the "proprietary soft-ware" being installed by automakers these days. I'm presently shopping for a newer, used Volvo, and I fell in love with the S80. However, when I bounced this off my trusted independent Volvo mechanic, he told me he cannot work on these models beetary software designed to drive owners

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says even the dealers have to transmit data back to the East Coast headquarters to get answers. Are other carmakers doing this now? Doesn't this run contrary to the great democracy in which we live today?

- Margaret RAY: Yes, it does seem a bit contrary to the American Way, doesn't it, Margaret? But I think the people are starting to rise up. In fact, I saw a protest sign outside a garage the other day that read "No Tire Rotation Without

Representation!"
TOM: This is an unfortunate trend, Margaret. A number of higher-end, mostly European manufacturers are using technology that requires proprietary tools

to diagnose. RAY: That doesn't mean they won't give the tools to Sven, the

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pay for upgrades every year. TOM: It's unlikely that most independent mechanics, who usually work on a variety of cars, are going to spend that kind of money so they can work on the half-dozen S80s that come in dur-

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higher prices for your repairs.
TOM: In fact, we did a study a couple of years ago and found that, on average, dealerships charge about 15 percent more for repairs than independent shops charge. And that's WITH competi-tion from the independents. Without it who knows

RAY: We think this is anti-competitive. But it's apparently not il-legal. So, the only way you can protest, Margaret, is to buy something else.

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Make music shopping more fun

BY ALEX VEIGA The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - Legendary music mogul Clive Davis has some advice for music retailers looking to persuade music fans to to traditional record return shops: Make shopping more fun.

You are faced with a major threat ... competition from digital distribution," Davis warned hundreds of merchants and recording industry executives who gathered last weekend for a conference

The renowned chairman and chief executive of BMG North America compared the choice between buying music online or in a store to eating dinner at a restaurant or at home.

"It's fun to shop for music ... and you're not making it a fun experience," he said. "You have got to make it exciting."

Davis said he was impressed Tower Records, which has staff members well-versed in music, and Virgin Megastore, which recently redesigned some stores. Tower emerged from bankruptcy court protection in March.

The four-day gathering of music merchants comes at a turning point in the retail music business. Retailers, heavily depen-

Clive Davis, CEO of BMG North America, told the National Association of Recording Merchandisers that to compete with online downloads, traditional record shops need to make shopping for music more fun.

dent on physical music formats Glen Ward, president and chief like CDs and audio cassettes, have been particularly hard-hit

by an industry downturn that began in 2000. Even though U.S. music sales are up 9 percent so far this year, retailers are struggling to hold their ground in a market where digital sales are growing.

Davis, who launched the ca-reers of Alicia Keys, Whitney Houston and other superstars, didn't address whether retailers should offer computer downloads or customized CD burning inside their stores.

But finding ways to generate sales from the online music boom is now at the top of the list for retailers, from large chains such as Best Buy Co. Inc. and Tower to regional and independent momand-pop merchants.

Several firms were scheduled to pitch their own in-store technology offerings during the conference. Among them is a new hybrid CD-DVD format known as Dualdisc that features standard CD audio on one side and DVD-compatible material on the other. The technology is receiving a push by the four major recording companies.

Also being promoted are in-store computer kiosks that can crank out custom CDs and sell downloads "We have to make sure CD

burning becomes a commercially viable option for all of us," said executive of Virgin Megastore. Online sales of digital tracks re

main a small part of overall music sales. However, in February, the num-

ber of song downloads sold in a week exceeded 2 million for the first time, said Jim Donio, acting president of the National Association of Recording Merchandisers which organized the conference.

He said "seismic shifts in music consumption" are being caused by the popularity of Apple Computer Inc.'s iPod digital player its online music store and other Internet retailers such as Napster 2.0, Rhapsody and Music-

Still, the most common music format is still the CD, and it's like ly to remain that way for the next w years, Donio said

Looking ahead, he warned that companies across the music industry are still operating on tight margins and merchants remain vulnerable to changing consumer preferences

When it comes to the populari-ty of artists, he provided a largely ositive outlook, citing the pickup in sales and the high-flying success of Norah Jones and Usher, whose albums sold more than 1 million copies in the first week of release — the first time that's happened since 2000.

'Upcoming releases for Eminem and Faith Hill, among many others, could keep the party going for the rest of the year and well into 2005," he said.



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Knight Ridder/Tribune Have you ever considered add-

ing some foreign stocks to your investment portfolios, but don't know where to start? A good starting place would be a spin on the Web.

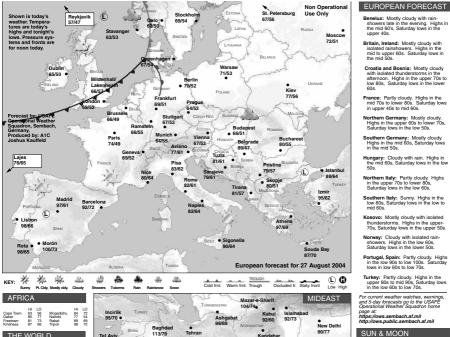
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■ Citibank wwss.citissb.com/ adr/www/adr-info/index.htm.

■ The Investment FAQ investfaq.com/articles/stock-adrs.

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Kerry signs stolen

FINSACOLA — Hundreds of yard signs supporting Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry have been stolen and vandalized in this heavily Republican region known as "Bush Country," prompting some Kerry supporters to hang signs from trees to deter burglars.

About 350 signs have been stolen, according to Panhandle for Kerry organizers, who met with Pensacola police Monday. The group has distributed nearly 3,400 signs.

Police said they would increase patrols and Kerry supporters planned to conduct neighborhood watches, said the group's chairman, Jerry Holt.

Pensacola resident Anne Bennett lost four Kerry signs from her front yard before putting out a homemade sign that read "Nice people don't steal or vandalize." She hung her latest sign from a pine tree limb 15 feet in the air.

1986 murder solved

MONTICELLO — A 41-year-old California man has admitted bludgeoning and stabbing to death an upstate New York restaurant owner almost 18 years ago.

Rommal Bennett, 41, of San Francisco, had been a cook at the Bloomingburg diner owned by John Roe.

"My intent was to rob Mr. Roe," Bennett said Wednesday in Sullivan County Court. "It all winded up in a murder, your honor." Roe was found dead Nov. 3.

1986, outside his home in Bloomingburg, 66 miles north of New York City.

The key to the case was a ciga-

The key to the case was a cigarette butt found in a beer bottle in Roe's house, police said. DNA taken from that butt this year led authorities to Bennett, who had a 1994 criminal conviction in Minnesota.

Natural gas blaze

MOSS BLUFF — Experts were preparing to cap a blaze at a natural gas well that has been burning since last week.

The fire shooting up from the underground natural gas storage cavern east of Houston once soared as high as 1,000 feet, but diminished to about 300 feet Monday, authorities said.

Authorities have revised the number of evacuees from one family to 30. All live within a mile of Duke Energy's Moss Bluff storage facility in Liberty County.

Duke Energy spokeswoman Frances Jeter said the exact count of evacuees housed at area hotels is still being calculated. She said residents who lived outside the one-mile radius and felt threatened by the fire were also provided lodging.

Deep impact

GA ATLANTA — A layer of quartz grains found in an east Georgia kaolin mine have been traced to the impact of a giant asteroid that crashed near the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay 35 million years ago.

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The 54-mile-wide crater left by the meteor, the sixth-largest in the world, previously has been identified as the source of a rare mineral called Georgiaite. Small, glassy, olive-green beads of it have been found for decades in more than a

dozen middle Georgia counties.

They are a type of impact-produced natural glass called tektite.

Ed Albin, a tektite expert at Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, steered research into the substance toward the open kaolin mines that dot the center of the state. Sandwiched between layers of clay in an abandoned kaolin mine in Warren County, a team of researchers headed by University of Georgia graduate student Scott Harris, found traces of the impact.

Drunk wedding guest

NH LYNDEBOROUGH
New charges are likely
against a man who showed up
drunk at a Lyndeborough wedding
and injured the groom Saturday,
police said.

Brian Lithgow, 43, of Steamboat Springs, Colo., ended up driving his car over the groom's foot, police said.

Cpl. Mike Jeha, Lyndeborough police patrol supervisor, said Michelle Brady organized the wedding as a surprise for Sean Brady, now her husband. He said the in-



Deadly wreck

A single-engine plane is airlifted off El Matador State Beach, northwest of Malibu, Calif., and lowered onto a truck Monday. Three people were killed when two single-engine planes collided off the beach on Sunday. vestigation into Lithgow's conduct is continuing.

Police Chief James Basinas said Lithgow drove up and down the road in his truck, drunk and angry. He said the groom stopped him to ask him to leave, but Lithgow didn't until he ran over the groom's foot with his truck.

Wal-Mart romance

BOISE — Somewhere between the junk food aisle and the automotive department, Pat Byrd and Bill Hughes fell in love

So it was only natural that they should marry where the magic happened — Wal-Mart.

pened — Wal-Mart.

"It never dawned on me to have it anyplace else," said the 55-year-old bride.

Neither bride nor groom work at the discount store. Still, they spend more time there than many employees do, wandering the aisles and visiting friends for up to six hours a day, nearly every day since the store opened two years

"I talk to people and walk around for exercise, and we always buy a soda or a sandwich or something," 51-year-old Hughes said.

"If we're not here, the store people worry about us. They're our family."

Call in sick next time

NEW ORLEANS — An extermination company employee was charged with impersonating a Secret Service agent to get out of work.

Prosecutors say Mark Taylor told his employers during an absence that he was a federal agent on an official assignment, allegedly collecting \$1,800 in salary while he was away. Taylor faces up to three years in prison.

Twice the twins

MN ST. PAUL — Allyssa and Grant Kuseske joke that they've won the baby lottery. The winning numbers must have been 2x2

On Thursday, Allyssa Kuseske gave birth to their second set of twins in a year.

"We are kind of on the accelerated plan," Allyssa laughed as she cradled her new son Caleb on Saturday.

Doctors at United Hospital in St. Paul say they've never seen two sets of twins from the same parents in a year's time. The likelihood of having two sets of twins over the course of a woman's childbearing years is less than 2 percent, doctors say.

The couple said the first set was born with a little help from medical science, while the latest pair was an "oops."

Not really a body

CAR CARPINTERIA — Homicide detectives investigating reports of a corpse spotted in a trash can cordoned off the area only to find their victim was a discarded dummy. "It was very realistic. It was an anatomically correct and theatrical quality dummy," sheriff's I. Phil Willis said.



Standing Strong The Statue of Liberty, now open again to the public after terrorism fears shuttered the park, is expecting a rise in visitors during the Republic National Convention. The RNC begins in New York on Aug. 30.



Almighty light show

Lawrence, Kan. Storms caused flooding throughout Lawrence, knocking out nower to some while nutting on an electrical show of its own.



To the moon

A ultra-light plane flies over Thomas J. Dodd Stadium in Norwich, Conn., during a Norwich Navigators minor-league baseball game.



Elephant crossing A motorist watches Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus elephants cross at the intersection of Pascagoula and Jefferson streets as they make their way to the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, Miss.



Dog days of summer Mahrjon Hafez wades in the pool with her dog, Cody, a standard poodle, in Wichita, Kan. The dogs swam and participated in jumping and Frisbee-catching contests before the pool was drained for season.



Just a small taste

A small butterfly searches for nectar among flowers in Annandale, Va.

Birds and insects took advantage of the cooler-than-normal August weather in the Washington area to search for food.

Tortured and murdered

HOUSTON — Police want to track down the relatives of a 50-year-old man who investigators say was mutilated and tortured before being killed.

"This man's last 30 minutes were terrible, terrifying, horrible," Houston Police Department homicide Sgt. Jim Binford told the Houston Chronicle for its Tuesday editions. "He was horribly mutilated and tortured before he was killed."

Luis Manuel Munoz's body was

Luis Manuel Munoz's body was spotted in Brays Bayou by a pedestrian on Aug. 15. Binford said that Munoz died from gunshot wounds, which only told part of the story.

Binford, who declined to detail the mutilations for investigative reasons, said 15 large holes cut in Munoz's torso and abdomen were evidently to help the body sink. A heavy weight was fastened to one of Munoz's ankles with chain.

15-term mayor dies

PA BEAVER — Robert P. Linn, recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records as the nation's longest-serving mayor, has died. He was 95, and first took office more than 58 years ago.

Linn, in his 15th term, died at home Saturday, said his daughter, Marty Scheidmantel.

"He always stood up for the community, and rightfully so," said Beaver County Commissioners Chairman Dan Donatella. "Being mayor was almost a tradition for him. He loved the community and always put it ahead of everything."

Lim was sworn into office on Jan. 2, 1946, though he didn't even want the job, then known as burgess. Linn went along with a group of Republicans who wanted to unseat the incumbent — but he took out a newspaper ad urging people to vote for his opponent.

Cow earns dairy drink

MT BOZEMAN — Rancher Skip Hougland figured it was an offer he couldn't refuse: Bring in a cow, get a free frozen blended coffee beverage.

So he took Bomie Prince Charles Edward Stuart, a Scottish Highland steer who generally goes by "Charlie," to a local Dairy Queen on Tuesday and got a free "Moolatte" as part of a corporate promotion.

Hougland brought Charlie to town after reading that people who brought a living cow to any participating business would be rewarded with a free coffee-flavored Dairy Queen version of a latte.

Charlie, who is 10, was the only animal that made an appearance at any of the area outlets.

'Spider-Man' busted

NY NEW YORK — A personal trainer, dubbed "Spider-Man" because of his ability to scale walls, leap from windows to roofs and swing on fire escapes, was convicted Monday of several counts of burglarizing Manhattan apartments, offices and schools.

Rufus Graham, 41, was found guilty of breaking into mostly upscale apartments on the Upper East and Upper West sides and in Midtown. He also was convicted of robbing the Dwight School on West 89th Street and the Ramaz.

School on East 78 Street.

Police Officer Ray Gogarty testified he saw Graham, once a physically well-conditioned personal trainer at the David Barton Gym, leap backward out a seven-story theatrical office window on West 45th Street, just east of Times Square.

Graham landed on the roof of the Lyceum Theater, across a 10-foot alley and three stories down, Gogarty said. He pretended to be hurt until he spotted a fire escape ladder, which he quickly slid down and vanished, the officer testified.

Infant death conviction

HI HONOLULU — An Oahu man was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for causing the death of his 8-week-old son last October. Derrick Smith. 33. of Salt Lake.

was sentenced Monday after being convicted in June of second-degree murder in the death of his son, Kelby Bridenstine.

Smith had testified that he accidentally dropped the boy while taking him to his crib.

Prosecutors said the death was no accident and pointed to an autopsy that determined the baby died of "abusive head trauma," including two skull fractures and bruises.

Biotech species rules

CA SACRAMENTO — Wildlife regulators have issued 14 permits for genetically engineered species in the year since California became the only state to require such licensing, according to a report being released this week.

Their one rejection was a proposal to market a fluorescent zebra fish — the nation's first transgenic pet, now sold under the trademarked name GloFish everywhere except in California.

Even then, the Fish and Game

Commission reversed its earlier outright rejection, voting in April to seek a new recommendation from experts with the Department of Fish and Game.

The department decided Austin,

Texas-based Yorktown Technologies would have to submit its Florida-grown biotech fish to a full environmental assessment before it could be considered for sale to the public.

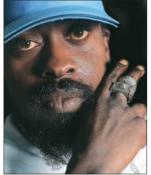
Sweet incentives

FL WEST PALM BEACH — Krispy Kreme is offering to reward students with a doughnut for every A on their report card, but the plan seems a little flaky to some officials trying to fight childhood obesity.

Under one promotion, Krispy Kreme stores will give Palm Beach County students in kindergarten through sixth grade a free doughnut for good grades. Another program has students decorate posters of doughnuts with "success sprinkles" when children meet goals. The posters can be turned in for doughnuts.

"Krispy Kreme doughnuts are very good, especially when the 'hot' lights are on, but I can't say that there's anything healthy about them," school board member Debra Robinson said Tuesday. "Can't we find something else? I mean, a doughnut?"

Stories and photos from wire services



Beenie Man has angered gay activists with his lyrics, including such lines as "I'm dreaming of a new Jamaica, come to execute all the gays." Gay groups had planned to protest a concert by the dancehall star connected with the MTV Video Music Awards, but the performance was cut.

MTV counters gay protest by cutting singer

BY JOHN PAIN The Associated Press

MIAMI - Dancehall star Beenie Man, who has recorded anti-gay songs in the past, was yanked from a concert associated with the MTV Video Music Awards this weekend after gay groups planned a protest, the network said

MTV pulled the Jamaican singer from the roster Tues-day after South Florida gay activists announced plans to protest Saturday's concert in Miami over some of his past lyrics, including "I'm dreaming of a new Jamaica, come to execute all the gays" and "Queers must be killed."

"We don't want anything to overshadow what will be a great weekend of music events for South Floridians," MTV spokeswoman Marnie Black said Wednesday. She declined further comment.

The awards show is Sunday at the bayfront Ameri-canAirlines Arena in Miami, the first time in the glam-filled event's 21-year history that it will take place outside New York and Los Angeles

Beenie Man has had his concerts canceled in Europe over the last few weeks after angry gay groups protested. Although he has previously defended his lyrics, earlier this month, Beenie Man issued an apology for his previ-ous songs, including "Bad Man Chi Chi Man" (Bad Man, Queer Man).
"Certain lyrics and recordings I have made in the past

may have caused distress and outrage among people whose identities and lifestyles are different from my own. ... I offer my sincerest apologies to those who might have been offended, threatened or hurt by my songs

Other stars of dancehall a sensious more contemporary form of reggae, also have recorded anti-gay songs and have been targeted by gay groups because of their lyrics, including Buju Banton.
Beenie Man's manager, Clyde McKenzie, said, "In

many instances, the lyrics of dancehall artists are meta-

Heddy Pena, executive director of the Miami-based gay-rights group SAVE Dade, said: "We respectfully sug-gest that he use other metaphors." Her group had been organizing the protest.

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Beenie Man, born Anthony Moses Davis, is on a world tour promoting his new album, "Back to Basics." His songs include his recent hit, "Dude," "Girls Dem Sugar" and "Who Am I?" His album "Art and Life" won the Grammy Award for Best Reggae Album in 2001. He ends his tour in Miami on Nov. 8.

AFRTS Television Schedule

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			FRIDAY, AUGUST 27,			
	AFN-EUROPE	AFN-KOREA	AFN-NEWS	(AFN-SPORTS)	SPECTRUM	AFN-PACIFIC
9:00	Dr. Phil	The Mummy	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams		The Fairly OddParents
9:30	1	As Told by Ginger	Headline News	to Be Announced.	SpongeBob	As Told by Ginger
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris	1	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30	Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	Matthews		Happy Days	Headline News
11:00	1	ESPNews	Primetime Thursday	1	Charmed "Valhalley of	ESPNews
11:30	General Hospital	Advisory Block	1			Pacific Report
12:00	Headline News	The Apprentice	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Boston Public "Chap-	The Apprentice
12:30	Judge Judy	1			ter Forty-Eight"	
13:00	Today Men's Olympic	1	Good Morning Ameri-	XXVIII Summer	The Crocodile Hunter	
13:30	marathon; Greek food		ca	Olympics From	"Reptiles of the Deep"	
14:00	and arts.	The District "Rage"	1	Athens, Greece.	World-Wildlife	Alias Sydney tries to track
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15:00	Baby Looney Tunes	Pacific Report	Headline News	1	Buffy the Vampire	Pacific Report
15:30	Rocko's Modern Life	Late Show	World News	ESPNews	Slayer "Beneath You"	Late Show
16:00	The Fairly OddParents	1	The Early Show	ESPNews	The X-Files 'Biogene-	
16:30	As Told by Ginger	Guiding Light	1	Totally NASCAR	sis"	Guiding Light
17:00	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys	
17:30	Headline News	General Hospital	1		SpongeBob	General Hospital
18:00	Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood
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Jav-Z. R. Kelly free to tour now

Jay-Z and R. Kelly are going back in time

Their planned 2002 tour never materialized because of child pornography charges against Kelly. Now they're set to open "The Best of Both Worlds

tour Sept. 30 in Chicago.

The U.S. tour, which takes its name from their 2002 album, will travel to more than 40 cities before ending in Phoenix on Nov. 28.

They appeared together last year Jay-Z's concert at Madison at Jay-Z's concert at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Kelly, whose real name is Robert Sylvester Kelly, faces 14 counts of child pornography in Chicago and

has pleaded innocent. In March, prosecutors in Florida

dropped all 12 child pornography charges against Kelly, 37, after a judge ruled that photos allegedly showing the R&B singer having sex with an un-

auegedy snowing the K&B singer having sex with an un-derage girl were illegally seized.
Kelly's new album, "Happy People/U Saved Me," was released Tuesday. His hits include "Ignition," "Step in the Name of Love" and the Grammy-winning "I Believe I

Can Fly."

Jay-Z, 34, is the leading nominee for the 2004 MTV Video Music Awards, with six nominations for his jarring video for "99 Problems," which depicts his own murder as a metaphor for his retirement from rapping. The awards will be presented Sunday in Miami



Country singer Mindy McCready has pleaded innocent

to drug charges in Tennessee.

Lawyers for McCready, whose hits include "Guys Do It



All the Time," entered the plea Monday in Williamson County Court. The 28-year-old singer wasn't present and remains free on \$10,000 hond

McCready was arrested earlier this month and charged with prescription drug fraud after authorities said she used a fake prescription to obtain the pain medicine OxyContin.

Investigators say McCready pre-sented a fraudulent prescription at a pharmacy on Feb. 12, paid for the drugs and then left.

Authorities say they later learned that she wasn't a patient at the doctor's office from which the prescription purportedly originated

Prince Charles faces discrimination charge

A woman who worked as a secretary for Prince Charles has filed a complaint against him alleging sex discrimina-

tion and unfair dismissal Elaine Day worked as a personal assistant during her five years in employment at Clarence House, Prince Charles' London residence, before she left earlier this year.

Paddy Harverson, communica tions secretary to the Prince of Wales, said Tuesday that Day's claim was filed at Croydon Employ-

ment Tribunal. "The former employee has filed a

complaint alleging unfair dismissal,



Hallmark fall for Duke. son

Oscar-winning actress Patty Duke and her son Mackenzie Astin both have original movies premiering on the Hallmark Channel.

Duke stars as a mother superior who helps an ex-nun solve a 30-year-old homicide in "Murder Without Conviction," which will air in September, the cable channel said Tuesday. Astin stars in "Love's Enduring Promise," the sequel to "Love Comes Softly," which premieres in November

Astin, 31, stars as a railroad executive smitten with a frontier schoolteacher

Duke won a best supporting actress Oscar in 1963 for her portrayal of Helen Keller in the film "The Miracle Worker." She won an Emmy Award in 1980 for her porrayal of Keller's teacher, Annie Sullivan, in the made-for-TV version of the movie.

The 57-year-old Duke also has won Emmys for "My Sweet Charlie" and "Captains and the Kings."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



Zach Braff on the set of his directorial debut "Garden State," which is set in his home state of New Jersey and is loosely based on personal experiences. Braff wrote the first draft of the movie while waiting to filming the first episodes of "Scrubs."

GARDEN STATE not just for scrubs

Sitcom actor Braff takes turn behind camera for film set in his home state of New Jersey

BY BEN NUCKOLS

The Associated Press

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. — The Baird Community Center holds sentimental value for Zach Braff — it's where he saw his first play, when his father performed in Neil Simon's "The Prisoner of Second Avenue It's also surrounded by a park that exemplifies the leafy,

idyllic beauty Braff finds so emblematic of the Garden State. He finds nothing ironic in the nickname of his much-ma ligned native soil, which also is the name of the new film that Braff stars in, wrote and directed. Shot in and around his hometown, "Garden State" is an

auspicious dramatic debut for a 29-year-old filmmaker previ-ously known as the star of the NBC sitcom "Scrubs."

"Most people who come in and out of New Jersey go through Newark International Airport," Braff said. "And they see the environment around there, and people make jokes and it [creates a perception] that it's a gross place to live. But anyone who goes south of Exit 14 (on the New Jersev Turnpikel knows that it looks like this

It's hard to argue with Braff after spending a day in South Orange and neighboring Maplewood, where he would introduce two free screenings of the movie. The communities are close-knit, friendly and dotted with well-manicured parks. "Garden State," however, is hardly a valentine to Braff's hometown. He stars as Andrew Largeman, a struggling

actor who returns home for his mother's funeral. In the four days that "Large" spends at home, Braff explores the complicated ways in which people in their 20s relate to the places they grew up "I remember going to college, and a lot of my friends had

left town, and my mom had moved houses, and my memory of home was completely gone," Braff says, "but I was really homesick, so that's where I first had the feeling that I was homesick for a place that didn't even exist."

The movie follows Large as he avoids his psychiatrist father (Ian Holm), strikes up a friendship with a vivacious young woman (Natalie Portman) who's constantly lying to him, and hangs around with his old buddies, many of whom are stuck in dead-end jobs.

There's plenty of drinking, recreational drug use and gen-

eral suburban angst, including a chillingly matter-of-fact conversation about which high school friends had committed suicide

"That was my own experience, coming home and hearing who had killed themselves and being upset by it," Braff said. "It's just horrifying in a way, and I think it really shocked me, so that's why I wrote about it.'

Braff is serious and studious throughout the interview, a marked contrast from his goofy "Scrubs" persona. He rarely cracks jokes or even smiles, in part because he was weary after a month on the road promoting the movie. But it's also because he takes filmmaking very seriously.

Braff is the rare sitcom star whose first love isn't performing or making people laugh. Directing always was his goal. After graduating from Northwestern University's film school in 1997, Braff moved to New York, but he was forced to do grunt work on music videos and commercials to sunport himself

He moved to Los Angeles, living in apartments much like the one Large lives in at the beginning of the movie — undecorated, with hardly any furniture and a pile of scripts in the corner of the bedroom. He worked in a few independent films but wasn't able to make a living until he landed "Scrubs" in 2001.

But after quitting his job waiting tables, he found out it would be four months before the "Scrubs" pilot was shot. He spent the downtime writing the first draft of "Garden State." Although he had just gotten his big break, the script was informed by the depression and frustration of life as a struggling actor

Large walks around in a haze, reacting to news of his mother's death by falling asleep. That's because his father has prescribed him lithium along with a host of antidepressants. He leaves the drugs in L.A., however, when he goes home for the first time in nearly a decade.

This is where "Garden State" strays furthest from Braff's

own experience — he's not medicated and says he has a great relationship with his parents, who have both divorced and remarried. But he thinks it speaks to his generation.

"Every other person I meet is on some sort of medica-tion," Braff said. "Being a 20-something in 2004, it's not hard to find.

Horoscope

The moon enters Aquarius early this morning, a friendly transl prophesing in the morning, a friendly transl prophesing in the morning and generally making one another feel welcome must happen before any real business can take place. Don't make the mistake of thinking that small talk is unimportant. It's what makes people decide whom they want on their

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 27). You're stron-

ger in many ways this yeart Because of this, you can start building unstoppable mornerium loward your dream. Don't stop until you've realized an important milestone — as early as 0c. 11 Romantic hopefuls could finally win you over in January. Income spikes to a high in November. Lucky love signs are Cancer or Sagilitarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're in demand socially.

The-more-the-merrier rule will help you get everyone in. Some pals want your undivided attention and will be jealous of any newcomers, but don't go soft. Things you see often will shine in a whole new light.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
It's a day of second chances! You can undo what was done long ago with a phone call or letter. Attempts to reconcile with a family member are particularly successful. You'll win biggest when you're risking rejec-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Your practical nature is at its best, and your solutions are brilliant. Though you've got more on your list than you can possibly do in one day, take time to relax and heal your spirit, too. Your communication with friends inspires you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you want to meet active people and potential companions, engage in sports for fun. Disorganized people test your patience. Couples could make a big purchase together. Be

careful with oral or written agreements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be aware of how much other people's moods and whims affect your own. When a loved one smiles, your troubles melt away. And when they're sour, you feel heaviness on your shoulders. This is because you care so much.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are many weird things that occur. You'll either laugh, be puz-

zled or both, but one thing is for sure: It's not a boring day. The way others react to events is telling. When you spot a true-blue friend, hold on to this one.

LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). Your ambition wells up inside you like a geyser ready to blow. But enthusiasm alone won't be enough to propel you toward success. You need an inveners.

tive yet sensible plan to overthrow a persistent obstacle. A Scorpio helps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the master at figuring out

workable ideas. While your colleagues may be stuck ruminating on pie-in-the-sky ideas, your logical approach will bring instant results. Beware of anyone who delivers a vague promise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Someone is getting weary of waiting for your decision. Tackle tough issues; action speaks louder than words. Social opportunities abound. Talk about your dream, whether or not you think anyone is

interested.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.
19). Productivity is the way to your boss' heart; stay late. Newcomers want desperately to be a part of you

want desperately to be a part of your plan. Impressive credentials should be double-checked. An evening at home is cozy, romantic and economical.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

AQUARTUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Second- and third-hand information could lead you dangerously wrong. Be sure you're getting your data from the source. You could be that rare exception to the rule tonight, so take a chance on the seemingly impossible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your expertise is worth big bucks. Consider writing a book or sharing your knowledge through teaching or public speaking. Your love life improves when you take the time to adhere to traditional courting rituals.

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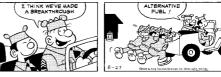




























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Hairdresser can't keep eye off TV

Dear Abby: "Mr. Eugene' has been my hairdresser for nearly 20 years. We have seen each other through divorces. deaths, recovery from alcoholism (me), and life struggles in general. Mr. Eugene used to be a great Dear Abby

hairdresser. The problem began when he installed a little television set at his station. He keeps it on all the time and watches it almost constantly. He watches it while cutting my hair, pausing every so often to pay closer attention to what's on TV

The quality of my haircuts has started to decline, and along with it. our client/hairdresser relationship. I'm about

ready to change hairdressers because I can't find the nerve to reach over and turn the darn thing off or tell him how annoving it is, and how much better a hairdresser he is when he pays full attention to what he's doing.

Please print this so Mr. Eu-

gene will read it and give his clients the attention we deserve

Spineless in Lexington, Ky. Dear Spineless: Mr. Eugene is only a hairdresser. He is not a mind reader. Since you haven't voiced an objection to his cutting and styling your hair with one

eye on the boob- tube, how can he be expect ed to know you have a problem with it? Try this: Rather than criticize him, tell him that you would prefer that he leave the TV set off while working on you, because you miss the auality time you used to spend together. You might be surprised to find that he takes it as

Dear Abby: I became engaged last Christmas. I have been planning my wedding with the help of my mother and my fiance's mother. I love them both, and they are helping to pay

a compliment.

for my big day. My problem is that every time

I disagree with them, they call me "Bridezilla." I don't think I'm too demanding or hard to please. I just have ideas, tastes and expectations that may be differ-

ent from my two mothers This horrible stereotype is ruining the planning I become devastated when they refer to me in that way, and end up giving in so I don't seem to be unrea sonable

Please help me. I am ending up with a wedding that isn't what I want. What should I do? - Not Bridezilla in L.A.

Dear Not Bridezilla: It is wrong of your mother and your fiance's mother to call you names. However, since they are helping to fund the wedding, you can't blame them for wanting a meaningful voice in the plan ning. If you feel your dream wedding has been hijacked, then you should politely draw the line and finance it yourself.

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Do best to deal with distant mom

Dear Annie: Lam married to "Bob," a won derful man, and we have an incredible 3-year-old son. The only problems we ever have are about family

My mother and I never have been close. The community we live in believes she is an angel of mercy, since she donates her time and money to various charitable causes Vet she ignores her own grandchild and treats Bob and me

as if we were strangers. Annie, I know I cannot change my mother, but I'm not sure how to deal with her. Should I continue to bring our son to family gatherings, even if it leads to squabbles with family members?

— Hilda in Plattsburgh, N.Y. Dear Hilda: You're smart to realize you cannot change your mother, but that doesn't mean your son should be kept away. Continue to visit, but remember that the best way to avoid family sauabbles is to disengage from the argument. Accept your moth er as she is, keep those visits



short, and maintain vour equilibrium. Your son will take his cues

Dear Annie: My dear friend "Ginny recently was married for the second time. Upon learning of her engagement, I offered to make the wedding dress as my gift to her. I also made a dress for

the groom's mother, for which I was well-paid. While Ginny and I were shopping for material, she bought a pattern and material for her daughter's gown, too. I neglected to mention any charge for sewing the second dress. I tried to bring up the subject in the following months, but was interrupted by

others and felt this was a private matter between Ginny and me. On the day of the wedding, I delivered the dresses and helped set up tables and chairs for the ceremony. I saw Ginny pay the florist, photographer and deejay, but not me. My husband says I should have asked for payment

when she had her checkbook out but I thought that would be tacky I have receipts for some small items I needed to finish the dress and Ginny already promised to reimburse me for those. When I mail her the receipts, should I

include an invoice for her daugh ter's dress? Or, do I chalk it up to a lesson learned? Southern Seamstress Dear Seamstress: If you value the friendship, don't spring a surprise on Ginny by mailing an unexpected bill. She should have offered to pay for her daughter's dress, but you had many opportunities to speak up and didn't Pick up the phone and say

"Ginny, dear, when I mail the receipts for the additional beading, should I also send the in voice for your daughter's dress?' Her response will tell you if you'd be better off considering this an expensive lesson.

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Family Circus



"I bet the Swiss won some archery medals when William Tell was alive.

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Raiders' Woodson says he'll be in camp next week

NAPA, Calif. - Charles Woodson con firmed Wednesday night he would end his holdout and be in camp with the Oakland



The four-time Pro Bowl cornerback announced his intentions in an e-mail to The Associated Press

The Raiders placed the franchise tag on Woodson in February With the franchise designation, he would make close to \$8.8 million this season, but Woodson hasn't signed the Raiders' tender - which he must do before negotiating another deal

Woodson, who's entering his seventh pro season, is seeking a big-money, long-term contract and reportedly wants to be the

highest paid cornerback in the NFL. Earlier Wednesday, Raiders coach Norv Turner said he expected Woodson to be in camp next week.

Turner said he doubted Woodson would be prepared for the season opener Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh if he waited until after the final exhibition game to join the team.

Even if he reports Monday, it's unclear whether Woodson will play in the Raiders



final exhibition game Thursday at home against St. Louis

"I'd hate to answer that either way." Turner said Wednesday. "We'd have to see where he's at."

A call to Woodson's agent, Carl Poston, wasn't returned Wednesday.

Giants OR Warner to start vs. lets ALBANY, N.Y. - Quarterback Kurt on Friday, but coach Tom Coughlin declined to say whether Warner or rookie Eli Manning will start the regular-season open-

Coughlin announced Wednesday that Manning, the No. 1 pick in the draft, will get the same amount of snaps with the first-team offense against the New York

Coughlin said he'll select a starter for the opener at Philadelphia "at the right time."

LB Peterson ends holdout. signs one-year deal with 49ers

SANTA CLARA, Calif. - All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson ended his holdout Wednesday and signed a one-year contract

with the San Francisco 49ers Peterson, designated by the team in February as its franchise player, missed the

first 28 days of training camp. Peterson signed a \$6.073 million offer tendered to him by the team to play this season. That figure represents the average

of the NFL's five highest-paid players at his position Peterson and his agents had been looking for a deal that would make him one of the NFL's highest-paid defenders.

India-bound Williams contacts Dolphins

MIAMI - Retired running back Ricky Williams says he contacted the Miami Dolphins this week at the request of his agent but has no plans to rejoin the team any time soon

Williams didn't rule out a return but made it clear that given his contract and the state of the coaching staff, "It's not in my best interests to play football right now," he told the Miami Herald in a story published Wednesday night on the newpaper's Web site.

Williams has acknowledged testing positive for marijuana three times, which means he likely wouldn't be allowed to play this season, even if he decided to come out of retirement.

Williams is in Australia and said he plans to travel to India soon for a "couple of months." He said he contacted the Dolphins after they sent him a letter last week seeking renayment of \$8.6 million by Monday.

'I didn't call them to see if I could come back. I was just causing a conversation to happen," Williams said. "They sent me the letter and [my agent] told me it's in my best interests to call them."

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Texas advances to U.S. title game

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa.

- Texas is two steps away from a world championship. Chance Murski hit a grand slam and Randal Grichuk hit a three-run homer to lead Richmond, Texas, to the United States

final with an 8-2 victory over Morganton, N.C., on Wednesday night in the Little League World Series. Texas plays the winner of the Thousand Oaks, Calif., vs. Preston, Md., game on Saturday for the championship The world

championship is Sunday. "I'm just about as excited as you can get. I'm just emotionally drained," Texas manager Jim Texas manager Jim Michalek said

In the second inning, Tyler Ford doubled, and Matt Daniels and Dustin Moehlig hit consecutive singles to load the bases for Murski, Murski, hitting only .167 in the series, crushed one to left field off Dykota Spiess (0-1) for a 4-0 lead

"I hung in there and got that pitch," said Murski, who went 1-for-3. "I feel pretty good, but the rest of the at-bats I didn't do that well."

It didn't matter

Grichuk, back for his second consecutive Little League World Series, added a three-run homer in the fourth to make it 7-0. It was his fourth homer of the series and sixth in two years. Grichuk is one shy of tying the career home run record shared by two players, one of whom is Pittsburgh Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon

Daniel Homann (2-0) earned his second victory of the series, allowing four hits and striking out

Spiess and Eli Watson had

Little League WS

RBIs in the sixth inning for North Carolina.

"Our hitting wasn't there," North Carolina manager Alan Lail said. "They're 12-year-olds and sometimes they don't bring

their entire game with them Last year, Saugus, Mass., scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to eliminate Texas in the U.S. semifinals. This year, Texas is looking for more.

"We're one of the top four Little League teams in the whole world," Daniels said, smiling. "If you stop and think about it, it's pretty amazing

In Wednesday's other game:

Curacao 9, Taiwan 8 (7): Jonathan Schoop had the game-tying hit in the sixth and the winning hit in the seventh to lead Willem Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles into the international championship game. Curacao will play the winner of

the Corundu, Panama, vs. Nuevo Leon, Mexico, game on Saturday in the championship.

Curacao tied the game with an improbable four-run sixth, sending it into extra innings before knocking out Taiwan, whose teams won 17 Little League World Series titles between 1969 and 1996 In the seventh, Rigynoel Rondei

singled and advanced to second base on a sacrifice off Taiwan reliever Hsu Chi-Hung, Willie Rifaela hit a grounder to short that Chen Hung-Ta bobbled for an error and Quincey van Blarcum followed with a blooper to Chen Hung that he again misplayed.

That loaded the bases for Schoop, who singled through the hole into left.

SCOREBOARD

AFN schedule

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NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed OL Solomon
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FARMCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB Julian Peterson to a one-year contract.

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CONNECTICUT—Announced the resigna
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etball coach.

EAST CAROLINA – Announced junior men's asketball F David Bell transferred from La Salle. WISCONSIN-GREEN BAY-Re-signed Tod Kowalczyk, men's basketball coach, to a four-year contract.

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Joakim Haeggman gets a ground-level view of his putting line Thursday during the first round of the BMW Open. The Swede shot 3-under 69.

Goosen leads BMW Open

The Associated Press

NORD EICHENRIED Germany — Two-time U.S. Open cham-pion Retief Goosen shot 6-under-par 66 Thursday to grab the first-round lead in the BMW Open, and Colin Montgomerie boosted his Ryder Cup chances by finishing a stroke back on

Thursday.

On a cold, rainy day that kept scores high, the South African made eight birdies and two bogevs in the \$2.2 million event in which European players have their last chance to qualify for the Ryder Cup.

Four spots are open on the 12-man squad. Also undecided are Bernhard Langer's two captain's picks.

Goosen played his first round of golf since injuring his leg dur-ing a jet ski accident after the British Open five weeks ago. He made five birdies and a bogey in his final seven holes.

"It still hurts a little when I walk," Goosen said. "I'm really surprised at the way I hit the ball today, really solid. I thought it would be worse." Montgomerie shared second at

67 with Australia's Peter O'Malley, England's David Lynn and John Daly, who finished 58th last week in the NEC Invitational.

Montgomerie had been strug-gling with his putting, but on Thursday the Scotsman's steady play on and around the greens helped him save pars and post a bogey-free round.

bogey-free round.
"It was quite difficult out there,
the wind is swirling and it is
heavy conditions," Montgomerie
said. "I always pride myself on the fact that I don't make bogeys. Daly made six birdies and one bogey on a windy day, saying the course was much tougher than in 2001, when he won with a record

27-under-par 261.

"That was one of my better rounds this year," the two-time major winner said. Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez,

Germany's Alex Cejka, France's Raphael Jacquelin, Sweden's Michael Jonzon and England's Luke Donald were two strokes back at 68

Jimenez is one of six players who has cinched a berth on the European Ryder Cup team. Cejka, Donald and Montgomerie are leading candidates Langer's captain's picks.

Ben Wallace recovering from emergency appendectomy

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - De-

Sports briefs

troit Pistons center Ben Wallace had an emergency appendectomy and was recovering Thursday. Wallace underwent surgery

Wednesday night for acute appendicitis at VCU Medical Center in Richmond, Va. Team doctor Ben Paolucci said Wallace is doing well and is expected to be discharged Friday or Saturday

Miami's controversial recruit Williams out with knee injury CORAL GABLES, Fla

Miami freshman linebacker Willie Williams will be sidelined at least two months after having surgery Wednesday to repair a torn ligament in his right knee.

Williams, widely considered the nation's top prep defensive player last year, wasn't going to be allowed to play for at least the first month of the season while he "proves himself academically."

Williams has been under in-tense scrutiny since he signed with Miami in February and it was revealed that he had an extensive criminal record. The school said he must follow a strict set of rules to remain a student and keep his scholarship.

Canada beats U.S. in tuneup for World Cup of Hockey

OTTAWA - Vincent Lecavalier, Joe Sakic and Brad Richards scored in the second period to lead Canada to a 3-1 victory over the United States in a World Cup of Hockey exhibition game Wednesday night.

The Canadians avenged a 3-1 loss to the Americans on Monday night in Columbus, Ohio, exhibiting more energy and physical play on Wednesday. Chris Drury scored in the third

period for the U.S., which outshot Canada 27-21, including 15-6 in the third period with the home team protecting a lead. Canada begins to

Canada begins tournament play Tuesday night in Montreal against the United States. U.S. goaltender Robert Esche

was sharp in a scoreless first period before giving way to Ty Con-klin, who gave up three goals in the second period.

the second period.

"We just made some mistakes, turnovers, that you make in exhibition games," U.S. defenseman Brian Leetch said. "Halfway through the game we'd allowed only 12 shots but half of them were 2-on-1s."

RACING STRIPES

Martin takes good with bad

Financial reward balances changes for 23-year veteran of NASCAR's top series

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Michigan ark Martin's eves came alive and a wide grin appeared on his face when he pondered the changes he's seen since he ran NASCAR's championship series for the first time in 1981

One moment, the 45-year-old driver longed for the good old days when he could show up at the track, work on his car, race and leave

Then he groaned about the obligations he now has - to the media, fans, sponsors and a grueling schedule - because NASCAR has burst beyond its southern roots and become a big-time sport across the United States.

But before Martin sounded like he was complaining, he acknowledged that the drawbacks are balanced by riches.

Martin has made enough money — about \$37 million in career earnings - to live in an airport community in Daytona Beach, Florida, where his airplane is parked just a short golf cart trip away. He can fly the plane himself or have his pilot whisk him away to a race or sponsor function at any time

"I've been fortunate to be a part of racing during what I call the simple times and also at the tail end of the huge economic growth of the sport," said Martin. leaning against a trailer before his first of two races last weekend at Michigan International Speed-"That's why I ride the fence on what I think about the many changes

weren't making as much money, but there wasn't as much of a demand on our time. But if my whole career was like that, I wouldn't have retired with very much.

Martin, whose 533 consecutive starts trail only two active drivers, is proud to say he's not sticking around just to pick up lucrative checks with lackluster perfor-

He finished second last week at MIS. Martin's third top-three finish this month. He's one of 11 drivers with a victory this year, and he has five top-fives and 10 top-10s in 23 races.

After a strong showing in 2002 his fourth series runner-up finish - he slipped last year with no wins and just five top-fives in 36

"I had a bad year in 2003, and I was afraid it would look like I was hanging around," Martin said. "I didn't get much sleep for a long long time. It is very important to me to be at least a top 10 contender, all the time."

Martin is 12th among NASCAR point leaders this year with 2,759, just behind Jeremy Mayfield (2,786), Kasey Kahne (2,792) and Bobby Labonte (2,799).

For the first time, NASCAR will have a championship playoff, with the top 10 drivers in the standings competing over the last 10 events for the title. The field will be set after the race on Sept. 11 in Richmond, leaving drivers just three races to secure a spot. So what does Martin think of the major change?

"As a competitor, I don't like it," he said. "It will be a winner in the TV ratings and with fan inter-

some new drama and excitement. but I personally liked it the way it

"TV ratings aren't a major concern of mine, but they are for NASCAR. When I'm a fan, it might be different, but I'm not done being a competitor.'

Martin, who is under contract for 2005, insisted he does not have a retirement plan.

"He's a compulsive competisaid Geoff Smith, president of Roush Racing, which has had Martin on its team for 16 years.

Jeff Burton, a former Roush teammate, said obsessive is the best description.

"I don't care if it's racing or weightlifting, he's obsessed with being the best," Burton said.

After Martin's first race 23 years ago, he struggled to find a home in NASCAR's top stock car series, racing only sporadically and failing to establish himself in the sport until he was hired in 1988 by Jack Roush.

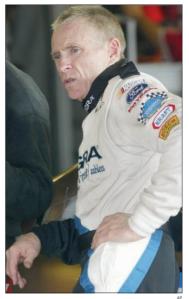
He is now a mainstay His 34 victories trail just three

active drivers, and he ranks 17th in NASCAR history. He ended a 72-race winless streak this summer at Dover Martin's 12-year-old son, Matt, is following his father's career

path. Racing an F-150 truck, the boy led every lap in a FastKids race last weekend. "I don't get to see him race

much, and that's another downside to my schedule," Martin said "I don't care what he does. I just want him to be the best at whatever he does, whether he goes to college or goes into racing.

'I only want him to keep racing if he's enjoying it because that's what I plan to do, too,'



NASCAR has changed in many ways since Mark Martin began racing in its top series in 1981. Though he sometimes bemoans the series' growth from its southern roots to nationwide popularity, he has been compensated with about \$37 million in career earnings — and he's got a shot at chasing a series championship this season to boot.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP

Race 24: Sharpie 500, 1:30 a.m. Sunday (live), SPT.

Last race: Greg Biffle led a race-high 73 of 200 laps and easily won the GFS Marketplace 400 at Michigan International Speedway.

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from Kevin Harvick, Busch, who was





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in two upcoming Nex tel Cup races — Sep 5 at California Speec way and Oct. 31 at Al lanta Motor Speec way. Elliott is rur Jeff Gordon ended a 31-race winless drought at the 2002 event. He has five vic-tories and 15 top 10 finishes in 23 career starts at Bristol.

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Next race: Craftsman 100, Sept. 9, Richmond, Va.

Last race: Michael Schumacher won the Hungarian GP and set another record by becoming the first F1 driver with 12 victories in a season. He can clinch his seventh champloochies the Price of the Common Comm

Last year: No race. Next race: Italian GP, Sept. 12, Monza

Touching 'em all

Anaheim's DaVanon homers in seventh to complete club's first cycle since 1991 and majors' sixth of year

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jeff Da-Vanon walked to the plate in the seventh inning, fully aware that he was a home run away from his-

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't know," the Anaheim Angels outfielder said.

DaVanon sent a pitch from Scott Sullivan over the right-field wall, becoming the first Angels player in 13 years to hit for the cycle in a 21-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Wednesday night.

DaVanon hit a two-run double in the third inning against Mike Wood (2-6), a triple in the fourth, an RBI single in the fifth and a leadoff homer in the seventh to become the fourth player in club history to hit for the cycle.

"This is a very special night," said DaVanon, who kept the lineup card that was taped to the dugout wall. "This was definitely one
thing I've tried to achieve in my
career. I know that was very hard
to do. I had one in A-ball, but it
doesn't really count, I guess."

It was the first by an Angels player since Dave Winfield at Kansas City on June 24, 1991. Jim Fregosi did it twice and Dan Ford also accomplished the feat.

"(Teammate) Robb Quinlan told me, 'You've got to go for it,' " DaVanon said. "So I swung as hard as I could and it worked out. It's kind of like a no-hitter, so other than that, nobody really said anything."

DaVanon, who drove in four runs, is the sixth player to hit for the cycle this season, joining Milwaukee's Chad Moeller, Pittsburgh's David Bell, the New York Mets' Eric Valent and Texas' Mark Teixeira.

DaVanon wasn't the Angels' only offensive star. Jose Molina hit his first career grand slam, and Garret Anderson had five RBIs and three hits, including a three-run homer. Darin Erstan and Vladimir Guerrero had thad and Vladimir Guerrero had that hits each, and Erstad scored four runs.

In other AL games Wednesday:

Red Sox 11, Blue Jays 5: David Ortiz homered twice and drove in four runs in support of Curt Schilling (16-6). Manny Ramirez hit his AL-leading 34th homer and Orlando Cabrera also went deep as the visiting Red Sox cut the New York Yankees' AL East lead to 5½ games. Schilling and Oakland's Mark

Schilling and Oakland's Mark Mulder (17-4) are the only AL pitchers with 16 or more victories. Schilling allowed one run and seven hits in 6¹/₃ innings with nine strikeouts.

Indians 4, Yankees 3: Coco Crisp dove head first for a go-ahead bunt single in the eighth that helped end the host Indians' nine-game losing streak.

Cleveland trailed 3-2 when Tom Gordon (6-4) walked Ben Broussard and Casey Blake to



start the eighth. Jody Gerut sacrificed both runners over and Ronnie Belliard's sacrifice fly tied it. Crisp then laid down a drag bunt past Gordon, diving head first to barely beat second baseman Enrique Wilson's throw.

Athletics 3, Orioles 0: Marco Scutaro hit a three-run homer off B.J. Ryan (3-4) with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, sending the A's to their third straight win and handing Baltimore its seaTigers 5, White Sox 4: Marcus Thames drove in three runs, Nate Robertson (11-7) allowed one run and eight hits in eight innings and the host Tigers sent Chicago to its sixth loss in seven games.

Twins 8, Rangers 5: Minnesota's No. 9 hitter, Luis Rivas, had a double and triple off Ryan Drese (11-7), then homered against Carlos Almanzar in the eighth.

Devil Rays 6, Mariners 5: Aubrey Huff drove in the go-ahead run with an RBI groundout in the ninth and visiting Tampa Bay completed its first series sweep of the Mariners.

Seattle (46-79) fell a season-low 33 games under .500 and was



A squirrel darts past the Cleveland Indians dugout as manager Eric Wedge watches Wednesday night's game against the **New York Yankees** The squirrel ran onto the field in the third inning and staved the rest of the evening, causing several delays as it dashed around the field. entertaining a Jacobs Field crowd of 30.605, "It was the Rally Squirrel. He was our secret weapon," Cleveland outfielder Coco Crisp said after the Indians scored twice in the eighth inning to win 4-3 to end a nine-game losing streak.



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Barry backfire

Marlins' intentional walk of Bonds. four balls to Pierzynski spell doom

The Associated Press

MIAMI - Walking Barry Bonds intentionally to load the bases in the 10th inning turned out to be the wrong move for Flori-da — because Rudy Seanez then walked pinch-hitter A.J. Pierzynski on four pitches

Pierzynski's walk forced home the tiebreaking run in the San Francisco Giants' 6-5 victory over the Marlins on Wednesday night. It was just his 14th walk in 397

plate appearances. "The last person in the world to walk in that situation is probably he said. "I just didn't swing, which is hard for me, because I always swing

Not so for Bonds, who was intentionally walked three times His 94 intentional passes are 26 more than the previous major league record he set two years ago. He has 181 walks overall 17 shy of his 2002 record.

"You're damned if you do, and damned if you don't," Marlins manager Jack McKeon said. "You can't take a chance with that guy. He didn't beat us with a walk. You've got to get the next

Jim Brower (7-6) pitched two scoreless innings and Dustin Hermanson threw a hitless 10th for his sixth save as San Francisco remained one game behind Chicago, the NL wild-card leader. Seanez (1-1) lost as the Marlins fell six back

Cubs 4, Brewers 2: Corey Patterson hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth at Wrigley Field. Mark Grudzielanek led off the inning against Luis Vizcaino (4-4) with a fly ball down the



and took third when Clark's Brady relay went past second base for an

error. First base umpire Mark Wegner ruled it a fair ball, and re-

plays were inconclusive. Brewers manager Ned Yost ar-

gued and was ejected. LaTroy Hawkins (3-4) allowed Chris Magruder's RBI double with two outs in the ninth

Braves 8, Rockies 1: Chipper Jones homered twice matched his career high with five RBIs for host Atlanta. Jones is batting 346 in August with 10 homers and 25 RBIs.

Eli Marrero also homered off Jeff Francis (0-1), who gave up six runs, six hits and three homers in his major league debut.

Pirates 2, Diamondbacks 1: At Pittsburgh, Jack Wilson and Jason Bay hit consecutive homers in the seventh off Randy Johnson (12-12), who pitched a three-hitter for his fourth complete game but lost. He struck out 1 and walked none

Cardinals 6. Reds 5: Albert Puiols and Jim Edmonds hit two-run homers and pinch-runner Reggie Sanders scored the go-ahead run for host St. Louis in the ninth on a wild pitch by Joe Valentine (1-2).

Julian Tavarez (6-4), pitching while his 10-day suspension for using a foreign substance on balls is under appeal, got one out for the win

Expos 6, Dodgers 3: Brian Schneider broke a 3-3 tie with a three-run homer in the sixth at



Atlanta's Chipper Jones is greeted by Marcus Giles (22) after hitting a three-run homer against Colorado on Wednesday night. It was Jones' second homer of the game.

Montreal, which connected four times off Jose Lima (11-4). Brad Wilkerson hit a leadoff homer in the first, and Tony Batista and Juan Rivera also homered off

Montreal manager Frank Robinson got his 900th career victory.

Padres 4, Mets 0: Brian Lawrence (13-10) escaped a bases-loaded jam in the first and pitched a six-hitter for his second straight complete game. Host New York has lost four in a row

Astros 7, Phillies 4: Jeff Kent's second homer of the game, a three-run shot in the eighth off Felix Rodriguez (5-7) following Lance Berkman's tying single gave the host Astros a sweep of the season series

Lawmaker vetoes bonds

McLEAN, Va. - As baseball officials met with backers hoping to lure the Montreal Expos to Northern Virginia, a second key lawmaker said he opposes a plan to finance a ballpark with bonds backed by the "moral obligation" of the state.

Senate Finance John Chichester said a private business such as a baseball club should not benefit from the state's moral obligation bonds, which have traditionally been used for water quality projects and other public works.

Moral obligation bonds "were not developed to help private enterprise," Chichester, a Republi-

ident pro tempore, said in a tele-phone interview Tuesday. "Private enterprise has to stand on its own

Chichester's means that the two most power-ful legislators in the Virginia General Assembly — he and House Speaker William Howell - are on record against a key component of the plan to build a million ballpark near Dulles International Airport.

Brian Hannigan, spokesman for the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority, a quasi-state agency trying to lure the Expos to Northern Virginia, said use of the so-called "moral obligation" bonds is crucial to the ballpark financing plan.



Vidro faces knee operation

The Associated Press

 Montreal MONTREAL. Expos second baseman Jose Vidro will have knee surgery on Sept. 8 to repair recurring patellar tendinitis in his right knee and will miss the rest of the season.

Vidro, a three-time All-Star, chose to undergo the procedure after a recent MRI on his knee, which has bothered him over parts of the last two seasons and caused him to miss four straight starts, including Wednesday's game against Los Angeles.

"At the end of the day, it was me who had to deal with the pain," said Vidro, who will remain on the active roster until Sept. 1. "The doctor explained it perfect. He basically said it was going to continue if I didn't get it fixed, so I think that says it all right there."

Through Tuesday, Vidro — who signed a four-year, \$30-million contract extension May 14 was hitting .294 with 24 doubles, 14 homers and 60 RBIs in 110 games.

"He could probably play still but where we are in the standings right now we want to be able to get a headstart on next year for



him," Expos general manager Omar Minaya

The operation will be performed by knee specialist Dr. Richard Steadman in his Steadman-Hawkins Clinic in Vail, Colo. Expos team physician Dr. Bruce Thomas said Steadman gave a 90 percent success rate for the proce-

"We've tried medications and physical therapy," Thomas said. "Jose's been very good about his rehab. He just hasn't made the kind of progress where he can play without pain on a constant

Thomas said the procedure would require splitting the patellar tendon and removing a small area of scar tissue and chronic inflammatory tissue.

estimated Vidro's Thomas rehab would take about four

Orioles release Garcia

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Baltimore Orioles released outfielder Karim Garcia on Wednesday

night and sent outfielder Darnell McDonald to Ottawa of the International League.

The Orioles also recalled outfielder Tim Raines Jr. and infielder Jose Leon from Ottawa.

Baltimore obtained Garcia who has spent parts of 10 seasons in the big leagues with eight teams, from the New York Mets in exchange for pitcher Mike De-Jean on July 19, Garcia hit 212 in 23 games with Baltimore.

Mets sign Buchanan

NEW YORK - The New York Mets signed free agent outfielder Brian Buchanan on Wednesday and optioned relief pitcher Heath Bell to Norfolk of the International League.

Buchanan started the season with San Diego, batting .200 with two home runs and six RBIs in 38 games. He refused an outright assignment to Portland of the Pacific Coast League on Tuesday, becoming a free agent. He is a career .259 hitter in 344 games with Minnesota and San Diego.

Bell was recalled from Norfolk on Tuesday and pitched two scoreess innings against San Diego be fore being returned to the Mets Class AAA affiliate a day later.

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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Ukranians stripped of medal

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The Ukrainian four-woman rowing team was stripped of its bronze medal Thursday after one member tested positive for a banned drug, the IOC said

It was the fourth medal lost because of doping.

Australia finished fourth and will now get the bronze. Germany won the gold, and Britain took the silver. Olena Olefirenko was part of

Ukraine's four-woman crew that finished third in lightweight sculls on Sunday.

Olefirenko was given Instenon, which contained the banned substance ethamivan, by her team doctor, the IOC said. Olefirenko reported that she took the drug when she was tested after the race, but didn't realize it was

If one member of a rowing crew fails a drug test, the entire crew loses the medal.

A weightlifter from Hungary also was expelled from the Games on Thursday for failing to provide a urine sample after his event, the International Olympic Committee said.

Zoltan Kovacs, who finished last in the 105-kilogram class, became the 10th weightlifter punished for doping.

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United States' Shawn Crawford, left, embraces Bernard Williams after winning gold and silver, respectively, in the 200-meter finals on Thursday. United States' Justin Gatlin, not shown, won the bronze.

Crawford leads U.S. sweep in men's 200

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Shawn Crawford and two teammates capped a big night for Americans at the track, sweeping the 200-meter medals despite a rowdy crowd that booed loudest when the U.S. sprinters were announced before the race.

In a race missing disgraced Greek hero and defending Olympic champion and Kostas Kenteris, Crawford ran a personal-best 19,79 seconds. That was just good enough to edge Bernard Williams, who tied his personal best of 20.01 seconds for silver. Justin Gatlin, the 100 champion, won bronze in 20.03.

Dwight Phillips led a 1-2 American finish in the men's long jump, with NCAA champion John Moffitt taking the silver.

The start of the 200 was delayed for four minutes because spectators were booing, whistling in derision and chanting Kenteris' name and "Hellas, Hellas" the Greek word for Greece.

The whistles were loudest when the three U.S. sprinters were announced.

Olympic Stadium was packed, in large part because Greeks thought they would be watching Kenteris, who withdrew from the Athens Games after missing a drug test.

Crawford and Williams were doing a victory lap, draped together in an American flag, when Phillips climbed the victory stand to accept his gold medal. The sprinters stopped on the track as "The Star-Spangled Banner" was

The victory by Crawford, who

Track and field

was unusually subdued after the finish, gave controversial coach Trevor Graham a sweep of the men's short sprints.

Crawford and Gattin are training partners under Graham, who acknowledged on the night of Gattin's 100-meter victory that was the coach who sent a syringe of a mystery steroid to anti-doping authorities last year — giving momentum to the drug scandal that has swept the sport.

On Wednesday, Marion Jones returned quietly to the Olympic scene she dominated four years ago in Sydney, qualifying for the finals in the long jump. Afterward, she talked and laughed with reporters just like the old days — before the U.S. Anti-Doping Association began investigating her.

Allen Johnson was there, too, trying to explain what had caused his disastrous fall in the 110-meter hurdles preliminaries.

"It's only the second time I've ever fallen in my career," he said. "The other was a couple of years ago in South Africa. There's nothing I can do now but watch and cheer for everybody else."

Allyson Felix, 18, took silver in the 200 meters in a world junior record of 22.18 seconds, then skipped the customary celebration lap.

"Running fast is a long process.
I'll just have to be patient," said
Felix, who only made it to the
quarterfinals at last year's world
championships. "I'm gradually accepting the fact that I'm the future of USA women's sprinting."



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2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

U.S. gets water polo bronze

ATHENS, Greece - Melania Grego's lob goal in the waning minutes of the second overtime gave Italy a 10-9 come-from-be-hind victory over Greece for the Olympic water polo gold medal.

In bronze medal game, the United States beat Australia 6-5 Ellen Estes



scored goals, including the tiebreaker in the final period after Australia rallied from a four-goal deficit.

The Australians edged the United States for gold four years ago. Italy, which beat the United States with two seconds left to get to the final in Athens, kept up its heroics against the Greeks by rallying from two goals down in the extra periods to seal the victory

With the game tied 7-7 at the end of regulation, Greece quickly sent the home crowd of 12,000 into delirium with a goal by Kyria. ki Liosi 28 seconds into the first overtime. Aikaterini Oikono mopoulou added another to give the Greeks a 9-7 cushion that had the flag-waving "Hellas" thinking gold and chanting "lift it up, lift it up," referring to the medal.

But the celebrations were pre-

Grego cut the margin to a goal and Tania di Mario pulled Italy level at 9-9 with nine seconds remaining in the first extra period.

49er class: Iker Martinez and Xavier Fernandez of Spain lived up to their billing as favorites by winning the gold medal in the 49er class Thursday.

They finished seventh in the deciding 16th race aboard their fast skiff to win gold by five points over Rodion Luka and George Leonchuk of Ukraine, who took sil-ver. Martinez and Fernandez won the world championships earlier

Chris Draper and Simon Hiscocks got the bronze, the fifth medal for Britain at this regatta.



American Thalia Munro, left, blocks Australia's Kelly Heuchan (10) during the water polo bronze medal match. The U.S. won

Hiscocks won the silver medal at Sydney in 2000 with skipper Ian

Americans Tim Wadlow of Bos ton and Pete Spaulding of Miami knocked out of medal contention

on Tuesday, finished fifth. Triathlon

Men: In a rare one-two finish for New Zealand, Hamish Carter powered away from teammate Bevan Docherty in the final kilometer to win.

Sven Riederer of Switzerland took the bronze.

Carter, 34, won his first major title, beating Docherty by 7.87 seconds after a grueling test consisting of 1.5 kilometers of swimming, a 40-kilometer cycling race and the closing 10-kilometer run under the blazing morning sun on a coastal stretch outside Athens

In temperatures peaking at 86 degrees, Carter finished hour, 51 minutes, 7.73 seconds. He was back in 33rd place after the swimming portion but had the

fastest time in cycling and fourth in the road race.

Women's under 49 kg: Shih Hsin Chen got Taiwan's first gold medal of the Athens Games.

Chen beat Yanelis Yuliet Labrada of Cuba 5-4. Yaowapa Boorapolchai of Thailand got the bronze.

Men's under 58 kg: Mu Yen Chu won gold by beating Oscar Francisco Salazar of Mexico 5-1. Tamer Bayoumi of Egypt got the

Wrestling

Greco-Roman Jung Ji-hyun of South Korea won the gold medal in the 60kg division, beating Roberto Monzon Gonzalez of Cuba. Alexandr Dokturishivili

Uzbekistan claimed gold in the 74kg division, beating Marko Yli-Hannuksela of Finland 4-1. while Karam Ibrahim of Egypt de feated Ramaz Nozadze of Georgia for the 96kg gold.

Olympics scoreboard

Thursday's scores BASKETBALL Men

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Women Ninth Place South Africa 4, Spain 2 South Korea 3, Japan 1 Fifth Place

ny 1, Sweden 0 TEAM HANDBALL

Women Semifinals Russia 3, Brazil 2 (18-25, 21-25, 25-22, 28-26, i-14) WATER POLO

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Pentathlon

Men's modern pentathlon Overall
After Fencing, Shooting, Swimming, Riding, Running, Total Final Score 1, andrey Molseev, Russia (1036, 1000, 1376, 1032, 1036), 5480. 1376, 1032, [036], 5589.

2. Andrejus Zadneprovskis, Lithuania (1000, 916, 1308, 1088, 1116), 5428.

3. Libor Capalnin, Czech Republic (1084, 776, 138, 1116, 1080), 5392.

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11. Serior Salvara Mexico (1000, 382, 1276, 1888, 1801), 500 mts (1000, 1800), 1800 mts (1000, 1800), 1800,

1004, 968), 5132.
19. Andrea Valentini, Italy (964, 916, 1140, 1068, 996), 5084.
20. Raouf Abd el Raouf, Egypt (1024, 748, 1216, 1060, 1036), 5084.
21. Lee Choon-huan, South Korea (1036, 720, 1216, 1116, 896), 5068.
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23. Erik Johannsson, Sweden (892, 720, 1280, 1116, 968), 4976.
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, 584, 988), 46/6. Edvinas Krungolcas, Lithuania (988, 1276, 1088, 236), 4420. Marcin Horbacz, Poland (1108, 888.

Sailing

. Spain (Iker Martinez; Xavier Fernandez) 11, 7, 5, 1, 12, 2, 6, 12, 1, 8, 2, 8, 2, 4, 7), 67.0. 1, Kraine (Rodion Luka: George Leon-ik) (4, 15, 3, 7, 2, 10, 7, 5, 9, 5, 3, 10, 6, 5, 3, 3).

72.0.
3. Britain (Chris Draper; Simon Hiscocks)
(8,5,6,3,10,8,1,13,11,8,2,4,1.9,6,6), 77.04
4. Norway, Christoffer Sundby; Frode
(8,5,8,0,6,6,4,13,6,15,11,6,9,11,2,2), 880.
5. United States (Tim Wadlow, San Diego;
Pete Spaulding, Miami) (7,8,5,20,9,9,8,3,1,13,7,3,10,11,1,10), 92.0 6. Brazil (Andre Fonseca; Rodrigo Duarte) (2, 4, 13, 13, 3, 3, 5, 12, 10, 12, 5, 15, 12, 10, 8, 5).

Australia (Chris Nicholson; Gary Boyd)
 A, 15, 1, 17, 18, 10, 1, 7, 3, 1, 17, 2, 1, 20, 11)
 B, Finland (Thomas Johanson; Jukka Piralnen) (14, 7, 2, 9, 8, 6, 9, 7, 5, 6, 9, 13, 14, 12, 15, 4), 111.0

Taekwondo Men 58Kg

Mu Yen Chu, Ta al Oscar Francisco

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Diving

Women's 3m springboard 1. Guo Jingjing, China (2, 243.06; 1, 390.09), 633.15. 2. Wu Minxia, China (3, 240.39; 3, 371.61), 612.00. 3. Julia Pakhalina, Russia (4, 237.42; 2, 373.20), 610.62. 4. Vera Ilina, Russia (9, 225.90; 4, 363.21), 589.11. 5. Blythe Hartley, Canada (6, 229,62; 5.

543.38), 573.00. ..., semediat (b, 229.62; 5, 6. Loudy Tourky, Australia (7, 227.79; 6, 393.15), 56.594, 7. Irina Lashko, Australia (1, 246.51; 9, 365.46), 551.2 agnotto, Italy (5, 231.15; 8, 31.31), 21.31.15. 9. Rachelle Kunkel, West Valley City, Utah (13, 209.76; 7, 336.56), 546.72. 10. Emille Heymans, Canada (8, 225.96; 10 304.77), 530.73.

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 Zhong Ling, China, 43.275.
 Hannah McKibbin, Britain, 41.475 Penelope Blackmore, Australia, 38.900
 Stephanie Sandler, South Africa, 37.07
 Wania Monteiro, Cape Verde Islands
 6.600.

Wrestling

Bronze Medal
Armen Nazarian, Bulgaria,
hevtsov, Russia, 4-3.
Gold Medal
Jung Ji-hyun, South Korea,
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Marko VII-Hannuskela, Finland, 4-1.

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Triathlon

1. Hamish Carter, New Zealand (18:19, 33; 90:44, 1; 13:04, 4), 1:51:07.3, 2. Bevan Docherty, New Zealand (18:13, 17; 90:51, 4; 32:11, 5), 1:51:15:00, 3. Sven Riederer, Switzerland (18:17, 25; 90:45, 2; 32:31, 7), 1:51:33.26, 4. Greg Bennet Autward 1:00:45, 2; 32:31, 7), 1:51:33.26. 4. Greg Bennett, Australia (18:19, 29; 1:01:29, 7; 31:53, 2), 1:51:41.58. 5. Frederic Belaubre, France (18:04, 7; 1:00:58, 6; 32:58, 12), 1:52:00.53. 6. Andreas Raelert, Germany (18:07, 12; 101:40, 10; 32:48, 9), 1:52:35.62. 1:40, 10; 32:48, 9), 1:52:35.62.
Rasmus Henning, Denmark (18:19, 28; 29, 7; 32:49, 10), 1:52:37.32.
Olivier Marceau, Switzerland (18:18, 26; 646, 3; 33:40, 19), 1:52:44.36.

U.S. finishers

9. Hunter Kemper, Longwood, Fla. (18:11, 16: 1:02-43, 21; 31:52, 1), 1:52:46, 33, 22. Andy Potts, Princeton, N.J. (17:49, 1: 1:03:05, 25; 34:42, 30), 1:55:36.47, 27. Victor Plata, Santa Cruz, Calif. (18:16, 22; 1:05:41, 40, 33:12, 14), 1:57:09.09

Boxing Wednesday 51 Kg Quarterfinals

Quarterfinals
Rustamhodza Rahimov, Germany, def. Paulus Ambunda, Namibia, 28-15.
Yuriorkis Gamboa Toledano, Cuba, def.
Georgy Balaskin, Russia, 26-18.
Fuad Aslanov, Azerbaljan, def. Andrzej
Rzany, Poland, 24-23.
Jerome Thomas, France, def. Tulashboy
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78 Kg
Gennadiy Golovikin, Kazakhstan, def. Ramadar Yasser, Egypt, 31-20.
Andre Direll, United States, def. Yordani
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Gaydarbek Gaydarbekov, Russia, def. Hassan Kdam Njikam, Camerono, 26-13.
Suriya Prasathinphimal, Thailand, def.
Oley Mashkin, Ukraine, 28-20.

Russia's Moiseev wins pentathlon

BY NAOMI KOPPEL The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - Andrey Moiseev of Russia won the gold medal in the men's modern pen tathlon Thursday, the first major victory of his career. Moiseev won two of the five dis-

ciplines by large margins and held off the field in the final 3-kilometer run under the searing Athens heat. He carried the Russian flag with him as he completed the last lap

World champion Andrejus Zadneprovskis of Lithuania won the final event to move up from sixth place to take the silver medal while Libor Capalini of the Czech Republic took bronze.

The gold is the ultimate goal for any athlete and I made it," said Moiseev. "I didn't have good

shooting results, but as I haven't had any good shooting results all season, it didn't matter.

Moiseev, 25, is ranked 10th in the world and was seventh in the World Championships in Moscow in May

Capalini was astonished to win bronze after finishing 13th in the opening shooting discipline and 19th in fencing.

"To make so many mistakes and still come away with a medal - I didn't expect that," the Czech said. "It was a special race. Everybody made lots of mistakes, so my shooting mistakes didn't matter too much

Moiseev, too, had to come back after finishing 19th in the shooting, which was won by Dzmitry Meliakh of Belarus.

But he won three more bouts

than any other competitor in the round-robin fencing competition and was more than three seconds ahead of his nearest rival in the 200-meter swim.

He was lucky to survive the unpredictable show jumping round where competitors must compete on horses provided by the organizers, and draw lots to decide which

horse they will get.

Moiseev had six gates down but that was nothing compared with those behind him

Fourth-place Rustem Sabirkhuzim of Russia had three refusals Deniss Cerkovskis of Latvia knocked down seven gates to lose third place; and Marcin Horbacz of Poland retired after his horse ad refused six times

Army 1st. Lt. Chad Senior, member of the World Class Athlete Program, finished 13th over-

2004 ATHENS OLYMPICS

Fab Five close careers with Olympic gold

Wambach header in OT pushes U.S. women over Brazil in soccer final

By JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece - When the final whistle blew, an exhausted Mia Hamm was quickly swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates.

In a few minutes, the Olympic gold medal would be around her neck too

Hamm and the rest of the Fab Five had just enough left in their thirtysomething legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 Thursday in overtime in their final tournament together.

Abby Wambach, the player who might just break Hamm's records one day, scored in the 112th minute with a powerful

10-vard header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly. It was Wambach's fourth goal of the Olympics and 18th in her last 20

games The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the last remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 inter-

national matches. Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett are retiring from the national team - although they might play in some farewell exhibitions this fall — leaving Kristine Lilly and Brandi Chastain as the last of the old guard.

They'll leave happy with the final result, but they might never want to watch a replay of a game that showed they should perhaps hang it up

Maybe they were trying too hard, but the Americans were slower, less organized, less creative and lost the chase to most of the loose balls against the young Brazilians, who also weren't afraid to shove the U.S. stars around.

Hamm especially was a nonfactor, unable to find space to make the kind of runs that made her fa-

mous. She had no legs left in the overtime periods of the 266th

game of a 17-year career that included 153 goals. The U.S. team was rescued by Wambach, some great saves from goalkeeper Briana Scurry and a goal from Lindsay Tarpley, one of

two college players on the team, in the 39th minute. Pretinha scored for Brazil in the 73rd. United States 2. Brazil 1 (OT) United States

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ow Cards—Formiga, Brazil, 18:00; Moni-azil, 47:00. ca, Brazii, 47:00.

Referees—Jenny Palmqvist, Sweden; Di anne Ferreira-James, Guyana; Emilia Parvi ainen, Finland: Nelly Viennot, France

Spain: Shots start to drop for U.S. men in quarters

SPAIN, FROM BACK PAGE

Marbury's six threes broke the U.S. record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). Lisa Leslie holds the overall U.S Olympic record with 35 points (1996 vs. Japan)

Allen Iverson added 16 points, Carlos Boozer had 12 and Lamar Odom 11 for the Americans, who advanced to the semifinals against the winner of the Argenti-

na-Greece game. Gasol led Spain with 29 points but was held to just four in the fourth quarter by a tenacious American defensive effort, which quieted a pro-Spanish crowd of 14,500 that included Spain's King

Juan Carlos. "It was said that the public supports the weaker team. I think in this case the public was solidly behind the stronger team because we were the stronger team," said Pesquera, who also complained that the officials allowed the Americans to get away with multiple traveling violations.

'I think this game was played under NBA rules, not FIBA rules," he said.

Pesquera was also upset Brown called a timeout with 23 seconds left and the Americans leading by 11 points. He let the U.S. coach

know it as they left the court. 'I had — and I stress the word 'had' — a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain that he tried to rescind the timeout. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that."

Brown said: "Hopefully I'll learn to handle these situations, which are new to me, a little bit better.

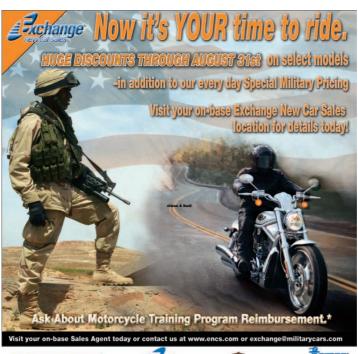
Duncan scored the Americans first five points and blocked Spain's first shot, but he was on the bench just 41/2 minutes into the quarter and stayed there for the rest of the first half after picking up two fouls. The U.S. team made four of its first five three-point attempts, and the first quarter ended in a 25-25 tie.

In a seesaw second quarter, the Americans went ahead by eight points, feeding off the defensive energy of Dwyane Wade, before Spain rallied with an 11-0 run. The United States led 44-43 at halftime despite giving up 18 points to Gasol and being called

for 14 of the game's 19 fouls.

Marbury hit a pair of threes early in the third quarter, and Brown took a risk by leaving Duncan in after he picked up his third foul with 5:22 left. Marbury reached 21 points on a three-pointer that gave the U.S. team a 63-56 lead.

A 7-0 run by Spain tied the game, but Carmelo Anthony ended the quarter with a three-pointer to give the Ameri-cans a 74-67 lead.











SPORTS



Marlins' free pass to Bonds proves to be costly as Giants walk away with victory. Page 32

No reign for Spain

Marbury scores U.S.-record 31 in quarterfinal win over top seed

> BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Larry Brown was right. The Americans started hitting their jump shots, and suddenly they look as if they might be the team to beat in Athens.

Stephon Marbury broke the U.S. men's Olympic record with 31 points, helping to beat Spain 102-94 in the quarterfinals Thursday and transform a team that had spent the first 1½ weeks missing jumpers. "Stephon shot the ball like Stephon today,"

"Stephon shot the ball like Stephon today. Lamar Odom said.

After spending 90 minutes working on his shot on the team's day off, Marbury made six of his team's 12 three-pointers and was a big reason the previously undefeated Spaniards are now out of medal contention. They weren't happy about it.

As the teams left the court, Spanish coach Mario Pesquera and Brown yelled and pointed at each other about a late U.S. timeout, and they had to be separated by their assistants.

In the U.S. team's first five games, Marbury scored only 21 points, missing 24 of 30 shots. The Americans lost two of those games: an embarrassing blowout to Puerto Rico to open the Olympics and against Lithuania in the final seconds.

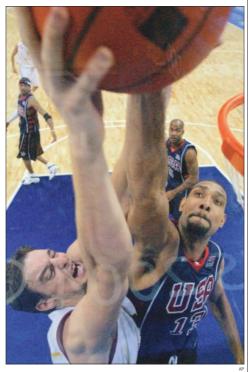
Against Spain, Marbury played spectacularly, and the Americans finally resembled U.S. teams from the past three Olympics—not letting a large foul disparity rattle them, knocking down their free throws and surpassing 100 points for the first at these games.

"We've been playing against so much zone, it doesn't really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We're starting to like playing against zones."

The Americans were 12-for-22 on three-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five games. Brown, though, had insisted for the past week that it was just a matter of time before the Americans started hitting their shots.

"They were very good on threes. That was something new in this tournament," Spain's Pau Gasol said. "They looked motivated, and it'll be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

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Spain's Pau Gasol, left, attempts to dunk as Tim Duncan of the U.S. defends in this photo taken through the backboard during Thursday's men's basketball quarterfinal in Athens. Gasol led Spain with 29 points, but was held to four in the final quarter as the U.S. won 102-94.



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U.S. women beat defending champ Australia for water polo bronze

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Texas advances to U.S. final in Little League



Racing Stripes: Despite changes over the years, NASCAR veteran Martin still finds racing rewarding



Four-time Pro
Bowl CB Woodson
ends holdout,
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to Raiders camp
next week

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